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Doctors struggle to save Irma

Major opens door to 20 war victims

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND BILL FROST

■ As Irma Hadzimuratovic's condition deteriorated, the prime minister said that 20 other ill children could be brought from Sarajevo

BRITAIN will take another 20 seriously wounded victims of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina in an initiative triggered by the plight of five-year-old Irma Hadzimuratovic, John Major announced last night.

Forty-one victims, many of them children, are to be brought out today or tomorrow. Twenty will come to Britain, 16 will go to Sweden and five to Ireland. A government air ambulance with 25 doctors and nurses will fly from Britain to Ancona in Italy and from there an RAF Hercules will take them to Sarajevo. Swedish aircraft will also be involved. Italy, too, was trying to organise evacuations to Ancona.

The government is meeting the cost of treating the injured, helping accompanying families with living costs in Britain, and waiving immigration red tape to enable them to stay, initially for up to six months. The Home Office will also help with accommodation for families staying in Britain with injured victims. Much of the air travel costs, thought to be around £100,000, is being met by the Saudi government at King Fahd's instigation.

Doctors treating Irma yesterday expressed grave concern over her deteriorating condition after the onset of severe bacterial meningitis.

Great Ormond Street Hospital said she was "very sick and still unconscious" after suffering an overnight relapse. An emergency scan had revealed abnormalities associated with severe meningitis. "She is being given drugs to support her heart and is being constantly monitored," a spokeswoman added.

Under new arrangements Britain is expected to take two or three more victims a month while the conflict continues. The health department was awaiting details from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees of the names and conditions of the 20 patients coming to Britain.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said: "The emergency planning co-ordination unit has received the names of hospitals across the country able to accept patients. When we get details of the individual patients' injuries we can then match the patients with the hospitals."

The Laura Ashley Foundation yesterday offered Great Ormond Street £10,000 to help treat seriously ill children from Sarajevo in the future. Some 25 sacks of mail, including presents of teddy bears, dolls and flowers, were delivered from well-wishers. Nuffield Hospital offered 12 places to victims of the conflict. The group will provide its services free of charge.

Mr Major announced the rescue operation in Stockholm at a joint news conference with Carl Bildt, the Swedish prime minister. The Swedish health and welfare board had contacted several Swedish hospitals to make sure they could take wounded patients.

Mr Major called on other countries to join "and make sure that in future we are able to deal more speedily and more comprehensibly with people who need serious medical help and cannot get it". He rejected the idea that bringing out victims would encourage Serbs to continue their bombardment.

Those to be rescued will be selected by the United Nations High Commssioner for Refugees and victims will be accompanied by their parents.

John Smith, the Labour leader, said he welcomed the fact that Britain was "at last" offering help. "France has already taken 96 people and Germany 57, so we have been lagging behind," he added. "We should not hesitate to take as many as we can."

It was even more important that the attacks on Sarajevo ceased for good, Mr Smith said. "If the peace talks fail and the Serbs begin again to shell the defenceless people of Sarajevo, the international community must be prepared to act decisively."

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, said: "This is welcome news indeed. The prime minister has accepted Britain's responsibility in accommodating more emergency cases from Bosnia but we must remember that this is treating the symptoms of the conflict not its causes."

Mamon Nahas, the head of the Bosnian information centre in London, last night welcomed the announcement but said there were many more in need of urgent treatment and called on the West to take military action.

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Changing the guard: Serb troops withdrawing from Mount Igman give a victory salute as a French UN vehicle passes on its way to the top

UN moves in as Serbs quit Sarajevo hills

BY TIM JUDAH AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

BOSNIAN Serb soldiers were pouring off Mount Igman yesterday after days of confusing claims and counter-claims about their movements. The move could ease the threat of Nato air strikes against Serb forces and revive the Geneva peace talks.

Hundreds of soldiers packed coaches in the town of Trnovo at the base of the strategic mountain overlooking Sarajevo and lorries hauling light artillery streamed along the roads leading to the Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale. At the same time a small unit of French "blue berets" sped in the opposite direction to replace the withdrawing Serbs.

The buses packed with soldiers appeared to contradict claims made earlier by the United Nations that far from withdrawing their forces, the Serbs were reinforcing their positions on both Mount Igman and neighbouring Mount Bjelasnica. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, dismissed this as "a complete lie".

The Serb capture of the two mountains and the delay in handing them over to the UN caused the postponement of the Bosnian partition talks in Geneva. Although the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, yesterday threatened to walk out, saying the Serbs had still not completed their withdrawal, the pressure on him to rejoin the talks will now intensify. Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the European Community and United Nations negotiators, have indicated that they believe Mr Izetbegovic has been stalling for time in the hope that the Nato raids would go ahead.

Nonetheless, the negotiators last night gave the Serbs until mid-morning today to complete the withdrawal from Mount Igman so that the negotiations could resume.

On Monday, Nato ambassadors in Brussels approved plans for air strikes on the Bosnian Serbs if they did not lift their siege of Sarajevo. The US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, said after the Nato decision: "The alliance now has in place all the means necessary to take forceful action against the Serbs, should they not cease their intolerable behaviour." However, the decision to start bombing rests with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general.

Early yesterday coaches and lorries full of troops were driving through Pale and at lunchtime 20 more left from Trnovo. According to Lieutenant Drago Grubisic, in charge of transport, 137 vehicles with 2,500 men had left Igman and Bjelasnica since Tuesday and 700 more were expected within the hour. He said that about 800 others would be withdrawn over the next ten days as the UN replaced them. "Our soldiers will remain there to ensure that the Turks (Bosnian Muslims) honour the agreement," he said. "If they don't, it will take longer."

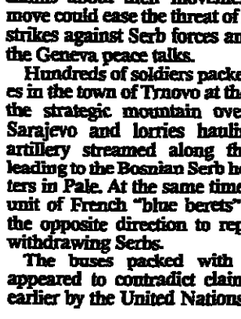
The soldiers were withdrawing in accordance with an agreement by which they would be replaced by French UN troops who would prevent the expelled Bosnians from returning. Lieutenant Colonel Bosko Gvozden, commander of the retreating First Krajina Brigade, said his men were executing their orders but he was sceptical that a small UN force of 150 men could prevent the return of the predominantly Muslim Bosnian army. "If they prove incapable," he said, "then we'll have to go back up."

Prisoner escapes to Cyprus

BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU AND ANGELA MACKAY

FOLLOWING Asil Nadir's example, another Turkish Cypriot businessman has fled from Britain to northern Cyprus, embarrassing British authorities as well as the Denktas government, which fears the self-declared republic will become known as the new "Costa del Crime".

Gultekin Mustafa Ben 45, was jailed for five years in March for being the master-



mind behind a £12.5 million VAT fraud. He failed to return to Stanford Hill open prison in Kent on Saturday after being given a few hours' leave to visit his family.

His wife Annalise and their two children flew to northern Cyprus on Friday night. Ben himself left from Dover and flew into northern Cyprus on Sunday, using his British passport.

Northern Cyprus is not

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Rosyth decision unfair, MPs say

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ACCUSATIONS of unfairness, flawed judgement and confusion were made against the Ministry of Defence by an all-party Commons committee yesterday over the decision to award the £5.5 billion Trident submarine refit contract to Devonport royal dockyard.

MPs from the Commons defence committee issued a highly critical report of the two-year process that led to the announcement in June that Devonport had been chosen instead of Rosyth, the Scottish yard.

The committee, which has six Conservative members, four Labour and one Social Democrat, is chaired by Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Tory MP for Upminster. Since the document was published during the parliamentary recess, its impact caused only minor embarrassment for the defence ministry. However, officials agreed it was a stinging report.

The heaviest guns were reserved for the way the defence ministry "misled" Rosyth into pursuing the most expensive option, the construction of a £550 million purpose-built facility for Trident, called RD57. The initial work, which involved digging a huge hole for the concrete structure, had been funded by the ministry to the tune of more than £110 million.

However, "late in the day" (the middle of last year), Rosyth was told the ministry would be satisfied with less ambitious proposals from Devonport and Rosyth for upgrading existing docks. On the basis of the ministry's revised specifications, Devonport won with a bid that was £12 million lower on capital costs and £52 million lower on operational costs over 15 years.

The MPs said the uncertainty over what the ministry wanted "made them vulnerable to allegations that they had been unfair in the bidding process". They could see why Babcock Thorn, which runs Rosyth, had believed the ministry would be prepared to pay a premium for a new facility since that had been the original solution and the preparation for the yard had been funded by the government.

"We can also see why they (Rosyth) might feel at a disadvantage when late in the day

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Stock market tops 3,000

THE stock market continued its record-breaking run yesterday on enthusiasm about recovery prospects and hopes of even lower interest rates (Janet Bush writes).

The £7.5 billion spree sent the FT-SE 100 index to a closing high of 3,006.1, up 34.5 points. This was just the latest of a string of good performances which has taken the index up 79.6 in eight sessions.

Share prices in Paris also ended at an all-time high, despite the deep recession in France, underlining the prospect of lower interest rates.

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Summer pleasures

Mole resurfaces

IN SUE Townsend's new Adrian Mole book, The Wilderness Years, the misunderstood genius is at the environment department with responsibility for newts. A two-week serialisation of perhaps the funniest book of 1993 starts in Weekend on Saturday

French delights

RELAIS & Châteaux hotels are renowned throughout the world for their superb quality. All this week The Times is offering discounts of up to 40 per cent at 72 Relais & Châteaux hotels. See page 14

Tarka's river

SALMON are back in the river Torridge in Devon. So are possible descendants of Tarka, the otter of Henry Williamson's classic story. In Saturday's Times Magazine, Brian Jackson discovers new stirrings of bright water

Lord Chief Justice to go on TV panel

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, has taken the unprecendented step of agreeing to be a panellist on the BBC's *Question Time* programme this autumn.

It is the first time that any practising judge, let alone the country's most senior one, has accepted an invitation to take part in one of the most keenly-watched political and social debating programmes on television. He will be exposed to public questioning on a range of the leading topics of the week, including those on government policy, as a member of a panel likely to include a government minister.

Sheila Thompson, a spokeswoman for the the Lord Chancellor's department, said Lord Taylor had made his decision after being approached by the programme-makers several times over the past year. "He feels it is something he would like to do," she said.

The other panellists have yet to be chosen. A spokesman for *Question Time* said no formal invitations had yet been issued. *Question Time*, which is chaired by Peter Sissons, is now produced by Brian Lapping Associates, an independent production company, which took over last year from the BBC. Lord Taylor's appearance is likely to take place at the end of October or beginning of November, after the party political conferences but around the time of the opening of Parliament and the Queen's speech.

Apart from the expected criminal justice legislation, the Lord Chief Justice could face questions across the whole law and order spectrum, from vigilantes to rape sentencing, police reforms or the privatisation of the penal system. He will also be expected to give his views on current political and social questions.

Lord Taylor has already broken new ground in his readiness to speak out in the media. In a radical departure from the policy of Lord Lane, his predecessor, who gave no interviews throughout his term of office, Lord Taylor last year instituted regular press briefings and has given live radio interviews.

He has also shown himself willing to speak out against government policy. His outspoken criticism of the sentencing framework in the Criminal Justice Act 1991 led to a rapid government U-turn.

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Donaldson doubts the benefit of no win, no fee

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER Master of the Rolls yesterday criticised government proposals to allow lawyers to take cases for nothing in the hope of doubling their fees if they win. Lord Donaldson of Lymington said that the scheme was unlikely to widen public access to justice and would be of little benefit to litigants.

He was joined by other lawyers who said that people would be deterred from bringing a legal action under the "no win, no fee" proposals because of the risks of paying the other side's costs.

Lord Donaldson said it was questionable whether the proposals would benefit the public. He said: "Where is the bonus for the client? If you are the litigant, you will end up with one set of legal costs whether you win, lose or draw."

On Tuesday Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, announced changes to his proposals, under which lawyers can agree with their clients to charge up to double fees if they take a case on a speculative basis. The original proposal, that lawyers could charge 20 per cent above their normal fee, came under fire from the legal profession as being too small to make the risk worthwhile.

Lord Donaldson said the client would be certain that, if he won, he would have to pay not only his own lawyer's normal fee but possibly as much as double. If he lost, he would have to pay his opponent's costs. By contrast, the litigant on legal aid could recoup his costs from the other side if he won; if he lost, he would have to pay only a limited sum for costs.

He said that there was an ethical problem in that it would be uncertain what was a win. "The lawyer has an enormous stake in the outcome of the case. Say I have a broken leg and I sue and they offer me £5,000, and I am absolutely convinced my leg is worth £10,000, do I go on?"

There could be a conflict of interest if the client and the lawyer disagreed about whether to take the settlement; and problems over what would happen if the client insisted on seeking a higher award against the lawyer's advice, he said. "There is already a conflict to some extent and it has existed for years. But to have the lawyer's own money tied up in this way — that's something wrong."

The Consumers' Association welcomed Lord Mackay's proposals but cautioned against the cost disincentive. Ashley Holmes, a lawyer with the association, said: "Costs are always going to be a stumbling block. Any conditional fee agreement will mean that a consumer will be on risk as to the costs of the other side. This will act as a substantial disincentive to taking legal action. Fear of legal costs is already one of the biggest obstacles which stops people going to law."

He said the proposals would help access to justice and would encourage some people to go to law who otherwise could not afford to sue.

Judge Michael Cook, an expert on costs, said last night that, in practice, the proposals would not make a great deal of difference. Lawyers already had the freedom to negotiate fees with clients and, "in many cases", knew that if they lost they would not be paid.

He said that if the scheme was to be of benefit, the obstacle of costs ought to be removed. People should have the same protection as legally aided litigants and have their liability for costs limited to what they could afford.

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Time could be running out for GMT

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
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Britain is set to catch up with the rest of Europe. Plans to put the clocks forward are being studied by Michael Howard, the home secretary. Although a decision will not be taken until next year, he is understood to be supporting those pressing for Greenwich Mean Time to be replaced by Central European Time.

The change, which would not be made until 1996 or 1997, would mean lighter evenings in the winter. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents says it would mean safer journeys for schoolchildren.

A change would require legislation, probably decided by a free vote. It could be blocked by opposition from MPs representing seats in Scotland and the north of England.

Family pleads for the world to save Sarajevo

Close comfort: Ramiz Hadzimuratovic with his daugher Medina yesterday

Father shows pain as Irma's health fades

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

HOLLOW-EYED and painfully thin, the father of Irma Hadzimuratovic yesterday pleaded for help in ending the suffering in Sarajevo.

Ramiz Hadzimuratovic said: "Sarajevo is a big concentration camp without any water, without any gas, without food, without electricity, without anything. I, as an ordinary man, appeal to the world to help the people of Sarajevo."

Five-year-old Irma was critically ill yesterday after her condition deteriorated over night. Mr Hadzimuratovic, wearing a brown leather jacket and looking stunned by the glare of flashguns and television camera lighting, clutched at his younger daughter, Medina, 3.

"More children like my daughter Irma will ..." The translator finished for him: "He cannot say it — will be killed."

The media was told that Mr Hadzimuratovic was under great strain and would only make a statement and answer few questions. Dr Alma Sarajlic, of the Bosnia Women's Organisation, held Medina on her lap while he spoke.

Mr Hadzimuratovic said through a translator that he was grateful to the British government for helping his daughter and to the international media for publicising her plight. But he said what was needed was a stop to the fighting. Irma was wounded in a Serb mortar attack that killed her mother.

Mr Hadzimuratovic also disclosed that he was initially given false hopes for his daughter's early recovery. "When Irma was injured at the end of July, when I went to see her in hospital in Sarajevo, they told me she was out of danger," he said. "I think the doctors did their best."

Doctors order more tests on critical girl

BY BILL FROST

THE five-year-old Bosnian girl airlifted fron Sarajevo to London in an attempt to save her life was last night undergoing a series of tests after her condition worsened.

Irma Hadzimuratovic was scheduled to go back to the operating theatre at Great Ormond Street hospital to have wounds in her back checked, as well as to undergo a series of abdominal scans.

Doctors treating Irma expressed grave concern over the child's deteriorating condition after the onset of severe bacterial meningitis.

A hospital spokeswoman said she was "very sick and still unconscious" after suffering a relapse. An emergency scan had revealed abnormalities associated with severe meningitis. She said: "She is being given drugs to support her heart and is being constantly monitored."

Irma suffered spinal, abdominal and head wounds in a mortar attack which killed her mother in Sarajevo 13 days ago. She was brought to England with her father Ramiz and three-year-old sister Medina after the personal intervention of John Major.

She was admitted to Great Ormond Street on Monday, where she had a three-hour operation to remove shrapnel from her back. Later, the hospital said she had developed meningitis and surgeons operated to drain fluid from her head.

It had been hoped that Irma was winning her battle for survival. Alma Sarajlic, a Bosnian doctor who visited her bedside, said: "She looked much better."

Yesterday, however, Dr Kathy Wilkinson, a member of the team treating Irma, said: "We are very, very concerned about her." But she said the child's case was not hopeless.

Messages of goodwill and support continued to arrive at Great Ormond Street yesterday. Twenty-five sacks of mail, including teddy bears, dolls and flowers from well-wishers were delivered.

The Laura Ashley Foundation offered the hospital £10,000 to help to treat seriously ill children brought to Britain from Sarajevo in the future. Sir Bernard Ashley, head of the foundation, said he had been moved by Irma's plight and wanted to help.

Nuffield Hospitals, a registered charity, offered 12 places to victims of the conflict free of charge.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Banks rapped for not warning of charges

The Consumers' Association has criticised banks for keeping customers in the dark about charges that they intend to impose. Jean Eaglesham, the association's head of money policy, also accused them of breaking the spirit of the Code of Banking Practice by charging interest on debts that had been incurred by previous bank charges.

"Customers find it difficult enough to claw their way out of debt without banks greasing the pole," she told Sir George Blunden's committee which is reviewing the code. "Customers are fed up to the back teeth with banks dipping into their accounts without notice to extract charges and interest. Too many banks are trotting out mealy-mouthed excuses for withholding the kind of crucial financial information customers need to control their finances in difficult times." Barclays and Lloyds, two of the banks singled out for criticism, hit back saying they provided a list of charges.

Smith changes timetable

John Smith is to propose changes to Labour's timetable for choosing candidates for the next general election to avoid MPs getting bogged down in local reselection battles. The Labour leader will tell local parties that they should delay picking their candidates until after next June's European elections and then move speedily through the summer and autumn to get them in place. The aim is to prevent Labour's parliamentary effort being hampered by MPs having to keep one eye on events in their constituencies.

'Less bad' rapist appeals

The man at the centre of the "not so bad" rape case is to appeal against his conviction. David Forrest, 36, was jailed for three and half years at Winchester Crown Court after he was found guilty of raping a woman he took for a meal. Judge Addison told Forrest that he had committed a less serious type of rape because he knew his victim.

Mates calls for cash cuts

Northern Ireland's problems could be solved by the government starving it of cash, according to Michael Mates, the former security and finance minister in the province. Mr Mates told the *Belfast Evening Telegraph* that a lack of financial support would act as "an incentive for change", forcing politicians in Ulster to talk about the future.

Man's body exhumed

The body of a man who died two months ago from cancer has been exhumed after police received a complaint from his wife. Donald Moorby, 25, died at his home in Kelbrook, Lancashire. Det Supt Sandy Robson, heading the enquiry, would not comment on a newspaper claim that police were investigating an alleged "mercy killing".

Celestial fireworks

Sky-watchers were up late last night in the hope of seeing hundreds or thousands of shooting stars lighting up the night in a huge meteor storm. The burning particles from Swift-Tuttle were expected to be especially impressive because the comet recently passed through the solar system, so the Earth was expected to encounter its main dust trail.

Cambridge innovation

Cambridge University plans to introduce part-time courses from home, breaking a 700-year tradition. Regent House, the university's parliament, will debate in November proposals to hold master's degree courses from October 1995 that will require regular visits to the city but allow students to do most of their work at home.

Labour peer for Oxford

St Catherine's College, Oxford, has appointed Lord Plant of Highfield, a leading Labour supporter who failed his 11-plus, as its master in an effort to raise its profile to match a strong academic reputation. Lord Plant, 48, professor of politics at Southampton University, said the first time he had been to St Catherine's was for the interview.

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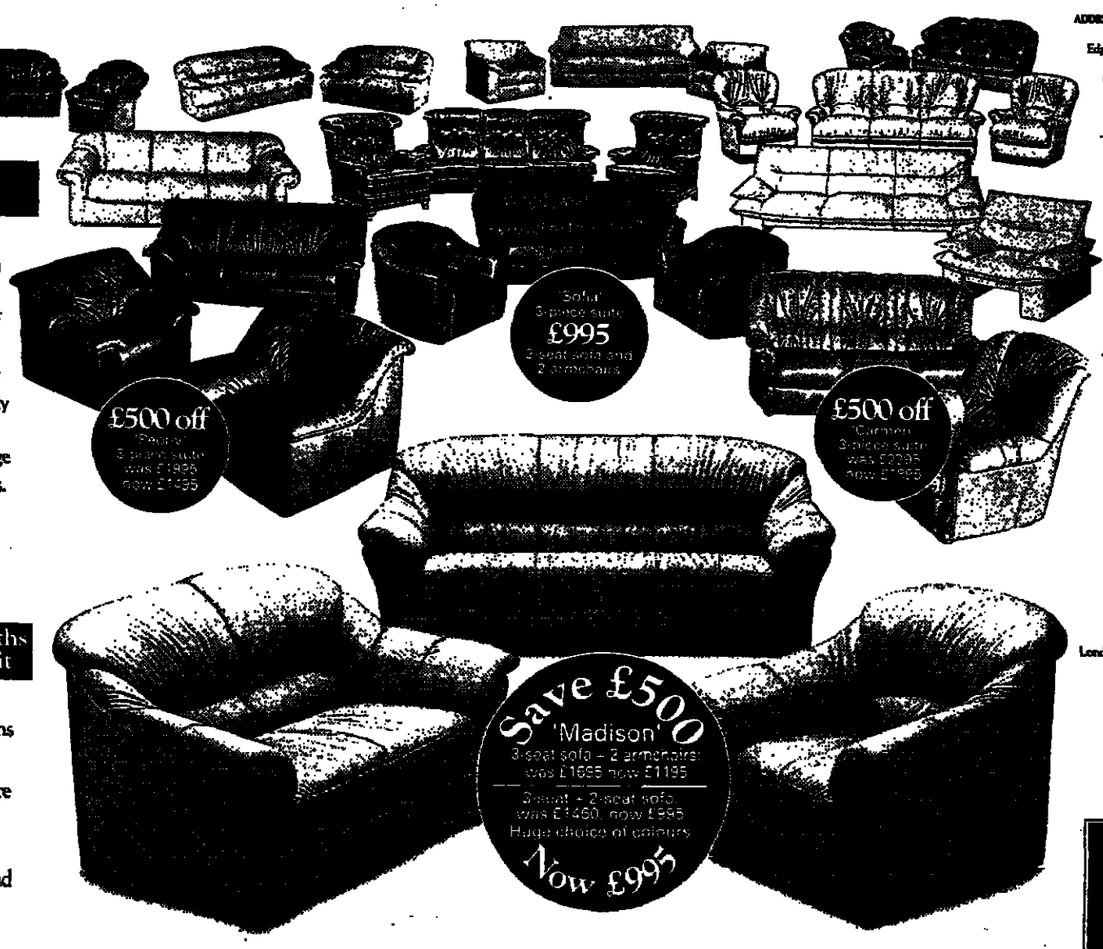

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WORLD OF LEATHER

Prisoner escapes to Cyprus

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recognised by Britain and no extradition treaties are in force. This has already blocked any attempts to have Mr Nadir returned to this country to face charges. Yesterday Rauf Denktas, the northern Cyprus leader, said he had not received any requests for Ben's extradition.

Friends of Mrs Ben, who is Danish by birth, said she was "extremely surprised" when her husband joined the family at their two-storey villa in the port of Kyrenia. Mrs Ben is managing director of President Holidays, which specialises in holidays to Turkey and northern Cyprus. Until a year ago Ben was managing director. According to a company spokesman, however, he no longer has any business connections with the firm.

Mrs Ben told friends by telephone yesterday that she return to work on Monday as planned. Her friends had no news of Ben's plans.

Ben had been released for one day on five previous occasions without trouble. He has escaped without paying the £100,000 fine levied on him by the court. He was given a year to pay or serve another year in prison.

Several other Turkish-born men were jailed with Ben after an six-month investigation by Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue, codenamed Operation Ankara. The fraud involved bogus invoicing at Turkish-owned clothing factories in north London.

Sentencing Ben at Southwark Crown Court, Mr Justice Marcus Arnwyl-Davies QC said: "This was fraud on a colossal scale and the stain of dishonour on all those who received illicit gains is immense."

'Trident decision flawed'

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they found themselves having to fund an alternative proposal from their own resources," the MPs' report said.

Until the middle of last year, "it was by no means clear whether an upgrade rather than a new facility would meet the operational and safety requirements of the Royal Navy". The MPs said: "We consider that the process by which Rosyth and Devonport were asked to make proposals for future nuclear refits was flawed and potentially unfair."

They also said that given the "very modest" difference in price between the Devonport and Rosyth bids for upgrading existing docks, amounting to just over one per cent of the £5.5 billion contract over 15 years, it was "unsafe" to base the decision solely on this figure.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, had agreed that either dock could have carried out the work and that cost was the only factor which had led to Devonport being chosen.

●*Defence Committee Seventh Report, The Royal Dockyards* (HMSO £15.60).

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CORRECTION

Our report yesterday that BIC, the razor and pen company, plans to hand out razors to fans at football grounds was incorrect. BIC is supporting a value-for-money scheme among Premier League sides, with a cash prize for the supporters' club of the winning team. We apologise for this error.

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Anti-drug vigilante found guilty of kidnapping pusher

BY RONALD FAUX

A VIGILANTE who seized a man supplying drugs to children and threatened to throw him off a cliff was convicted of kidnapping yesterday.

Alan Hocking, 27, said afterwards: "I still feel that I did the right thing, and I would do it again if a member of my family was involved. There is a big drugs problem in schools in my area. Hopefully the boys that I did this for will stay off drugs."

Teesside Crown Court was told that Hocking believed the law would be too soft on Michael Roberts, 18, who he said had supplied LSD to three boys aged 13, 14 and 15. He and the father of one of the boys, whom he refused to name, took the youth by car to the coast. When they came to a padlocked gate, Hocking told the teenager: "Pity it's locked. I was going to throw you over the cliffs."

The jury was told that Mr Roberts, 18, was then attacked with a nail-studded lump of wood and dumped bleeding and shocked near his home at Seaham, co. Durham.

Hocking, a butcher from nearby Murton, gave himself up the next day and was charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment and assault. The jury took three hours to convict him of kidnapping, but he was cleared of the other charges. Hocking said in court that Mr Roberts got into his car willingly after he pretended that he wanted to buy drugs. He ordered Mr Roberts to empty his pockets and found two packets of yellow powder, which analysts later said was 17 grams of amphetamine.

"I was intending to give him the fright of his life. I called him a little scumbag and a bastard," Hocking said. "When we stopped I told him to get out of the car and then I punched him on the side of the face. He went down curled into a ball with his hands over his head and the person I was with began kicking him. I don't know how many times."

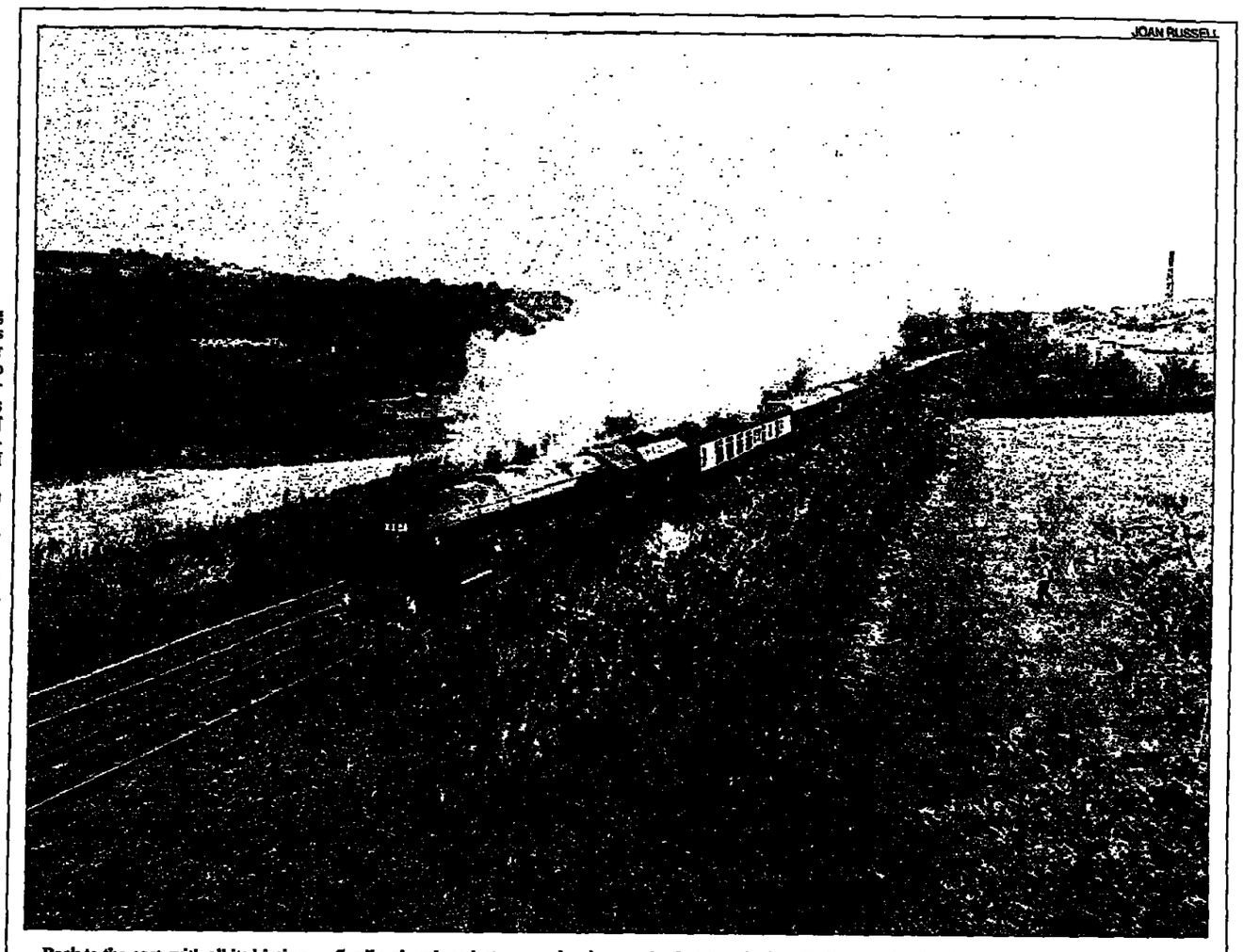
Hocking denied hitting Mr Roberts with a 3ft length of blood-speckled wood which the prosecution produced in court.

Det Sgt Stephen Glass of Seaham police said that since the incident on March 26, Mr Roberts had been given a police caution after he admitted possessing LSD and cannabis. But during the three-day trial, Mr Roberts admitted he had supplied LSD to a boy aged 13.

Hocking was asked by his barrister, Geoffrey Hunter, why he did not report Mr Roberts to the police. "They would have gone to see him and all he had to do was to deny it," he said. "I just wanted to try to frighten him so that maybe he would not do it again."

Hocking, whose girl friend is expecting their second child, was released on conditional bail for reports. He will be sentenced on September 13.

Hocking: "I still feel that I did the right thing"



JOAN RUSSELL

Back to the past: with all its hissing, puffing power, the Duchess of Hamilton passes through Saltaire in West Yorkshire after pulling out of Leeds station to commemorate the day 25 years ago when British Rail finally abandoned steam trains in favour of ones powered by diesel and electricity. InterCity, Flying Scotsman Services and the Steam Locomotive Operators' Association, which organised the 13-carriage train that travelled to Carlisle, had no trouble in selling the 440 available tickets to those for whom the romance of steam is still a strong attraction. More than 180 years after Richard Trevithick's first loco hauled a load on rail, societies across the country preserve and run a handful of the remaining mighty coal-powered machines, recalling the days when Britain's railways ran 20,000 steam locomotives.

Police appeal for clues on sex abduction

BY RICHARD DUCE

HUMBERSIDE police were last night trying to piece together the missing details of a woman's 18-hour rape ordeal at the hands of a four-man gang who kidnapped her in Goole town centre.

The 27-year-old woman was bundled into a car and then driven more than 40 miles to Bradford, West Yorkshire, where she was assaulted at an unknown address in the city.

Eighteen hours after her ordeal began on Monday night, the woman was driven to a Bradford taxi firm and pushed out into the street. A taxi driver took her to Bradford Royal Infirmary, where staff alerted police.

The woman had never been to Bradford before and so has been unable to tell detectives where she was held captive or the name of the taxi firm. Police are therefore attempting to retrace her movements, and are appealing to the taxi driver who took her to hospital to come forward and help with their investigation.

Yard wants deportation role change

BY STEWART TENDLER AND RICHARD FORD

SENIOR Scotland Yard officers are to meet Home Office officials to review deportation policy amid anxiety at the continuing involvement of police in removing illegal immigrants from the UK.

The move comes in the wake of the controversy over the death of Joy Gardner, 40, the Jamaican woman who collapsed during a struggle with officers from the aliens deportation squad. Two constables from the squad and a woman detective sergeant have been suspended from duty.

Police chiefs are understood to be unhappy that officers badly needed on the London streets should be doing such work when the public wants to see them dealing with crime.

Bill Taylor, assistant commissioner in charge of specialised crime units at the Yard, and David Veness, deputy assistant commissioner in charge of the department running the deportation squad, are due to meet Home Office immigration officials to review the unit's work, which is currently suspended.

One of the options likely to be considered by the Yard's review of its role in deportation cases is that Home Office immigration officials should take on the work themselves. Within Scotland Yard, there is a feeling that the involvement of police has grown without any assessment made of why they are needed.

Police point out that customs officers, for example, can act without the police and that immigration officials could also be given powers to use force or execute warrants.

Mrs Gardner's mother, Myrna Simpson, accompanied by Bernie Grant, Labour MP for Tottenham, yesterday delivered a letter to the prime minister at 10 Downing Street demanding a public enquiry into her daughter's death. Joy Gardner, 40, died on August 1, four days after a struggle with police as her home in Crouch End, north London, as they tried to serve her with a deportation order.

The preliminary finding of a second post-mortem examination, commissioned by Mrs Gardner's family, was that she died from a form of suffocation, according to Mr Grant. The family has maintained Mrs Gardner suffocated after being restrained with a belt, handcuffs, and having her mouth taped.

Mother blames psychiatrist for her killer son's suicide

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GRIEVING mother yesterday criticised a psychiatrist after an inquest was told that her son killed his girl friend in a frenzied knife attack and then killed himself.

She said she was "very angry" that Dr Aggrey Burke, of St George's Hospital, Tooting, southwest London, had known Kenneth Craig was not taking his medication and had also been told that his girl friend, Maria Luisa O'Donaghue, was in danger.

Craig, 25, of Tooting, set his petrol-soaked body alight in a delicatessen, a Westminster inquest was told.

Speaking after the inquest Doreen Craig, his mother, said Dr Burke knew Craig had threatened the woman in the past. "I told Dr Burke that he needed to be given medication in hospital. He had suffered serious mental illness for the past four years. I feel very angry about the situation. I told Dr Burke that my friend's life was in danger. He knew my son was not taking his medication."

The inquest was told how Craig, who had a violent criminal record including rape and robbery, attacked his girl friend, an Italian interpreter, in the bathroom of her flat in Kensington, west London. He then doused himself in petrol and walked to a delicatessen near by where he sat on the counter and set himself alight in front of staff.

Dr Burke, a consultant psychiatrist, told the inquest that Craig was insecure with a "delusioned jealousy" towards his girl friend. "He did not trust her," he said. He admitted he was worried about potential danger to the public but said Craig was not suffering from a psychopathic disorder and was not unstable enough to be committed to hospital.

Dr Burke knew Craig was not taking his medication. "If he had taken his tranquillisers, it would not have happened," he said.

Recording an open verdict on Craig and a verdict of unlawful killing on Mrs O'Donaghue, the deputy coroner, Dr William Dolman, said Craig was a "timebomb that was ticking".

LOOKS FOR HIGH SEASONS

Iain R.Webb picks clothes to take you through the rest of summer – cool separates with a nautical flavour for lazy days of sunshine and showers

Plus: LIVING WITH MURDER
How do you come to terms with the violent killing of your child? By writing a bestseller or trying to forget? By hating the perpetrators or getting inside their minds? Brian Masters talks to the parents of murder victims and discovers that while they cannot forgive, they discover a new energy and understanding to help them make sense of their lives

This Saturday in The Times Magazine

Son of cult leader admits child abuse

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE son of a cult leader yesterday admitted in court that he had sexually abused children in a North Wales commune where free love was advocated.

Among the children whom Matthew O'Byrne, 28, admitted having abused when he was about 14 was his half sister Rebecca Teacher, who was then aged three.

The admission came at the Old Bailey the day after Mr O'Byrne had denied claims of sexual and physical abuse put to him in the witness box.

Miss Teacher, now 18, is accused of blackmailing their mutual father, Kevin O'Byrne, by making demands from him for up to £60,000 for her silence about the activities of the cult.

Miss Teacher alleges that she was regularly beaten, starved and made a slave at the sect's former farmhouse near Bangor, as well as being sexually abused. She and her stepfather, William Webb, 43, deny conspiring to blackmail her father last year.

Matthew O'Byrne, a prosecution witness, told the jury that he lived at the commune for a year but was moved to London, where the sect also had premises, after children complained about his misconduct.

Under cross-examination he said: "The allegations over sexual activities were true. I can't fully recall how often they happened. They happened to more than one girl and they relate to boys as well.

"As far as I am aware no force was ever used. I am not aware of any objections being raised. The children were aged between four and eight."

Miss Teacher, who has scars on her hands from the alleged beatings by ruler, horse whip and the backs of knives, was made a ward of court and now lives with her mother, Christiana, and Mr Webb in Barnet, north London.

The court has been told that she tried to sue her father for her childhood suffering and when this failed sought compensation through blackmail, enlisting her step-father's assistance.

Miss Teacher, who was born into the cult when her mother was a teenager, told police she had been beaten and abused for years until her mother and step-father fled the group when she was 11.

Matthew O'Byrne: prosecution witness

Kevin O'Byrne, 55, who is known as Kevin of the Teachers, will not be called by the prosecution to give evidence. He founded the cult, a registered charity known as The Teachers, in 1972, and fathered at least 12 children with a number of members, including his co-founder Michelle Bland.

The trial continues today.

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Policewomen in Ulster to be armed

BY A STAFF REPORTER

■ After years of indecision, the RUC is to offer its male and female officers equal protection and issue firearms to all staff

POLICEWOMEN in Northern Ireland are to be given firearms for the first time, it was announced by the Royal Ulster Constabulary yesterday after a decision by Sir Hugh Annesley, the chief constable.

By next April all the women in the force, about 800, will be carrying firearms both on and off duty. The step had been under discussion for several years and was brought in as part of the programme of ensuring equal opportunity for men and women in the force.

The RUC said the chief constable had decided there should no longer be any distinction between men and women officers in relation to firearms.

Sam Beattie, chairman of the Northern Ireland Police Federation, welcomed the move, which he said was "the inevitable consequence of equality". It was something the women had fought for. Six policewomen had been killed and 88 injured by terrorists over the past 24 years and he did not think they would now be more open to attack. The IRA had shown they were prepared to kill any police officer and attack any police patrol whether it was all-male, mixed or all-female.

"A lot of female officers would say they would prefer to be armed and protecting themselves and their colleagues rather than be the one unarmed officer everybody else is looking out for," Mr Beattie said.

Sir John Hermon, the former chief constable of the RUC, was totally against the arming of women and fought against it.

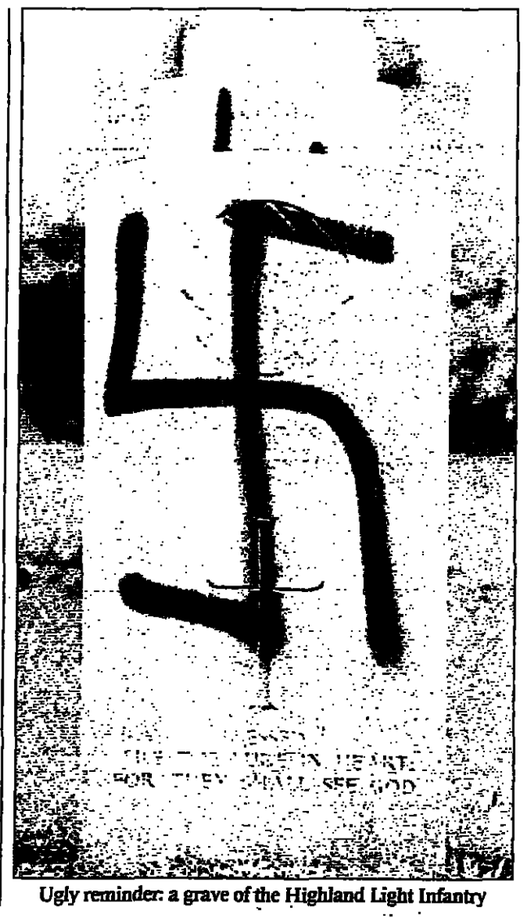
The guns decision was the result of the work of an advisory committee which drew its members from the RUC, Police Federation, Police Authority and Equal Opportunities Commission.

The commission praised the announcement. Joan Smyth, chairwoman and chief executive, said: "The decision about arming policewomen, in the context of Northern Ireland, was always going to be a difficult one."

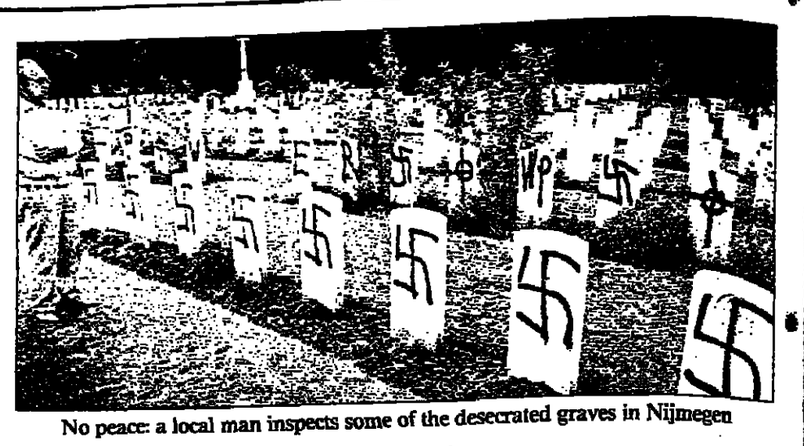
Women account for 10 per cent of RUC officers and for 25 per cent of new recruits, since applicants of both sexes were assessed on the same grounds. There is to be a transition period over the next few months while the woman are trained and provided with weapons. The RUC plans to have the new policy fully in operation for April 1, 1994.

☐ A baby girl and her parents were recovering yesterday after a bomb blew up their car in Belfast. The 20-month-old child was suffering from shock. Her father and mother were injured by shrapnel. The Ulster Freedom Fighters claimed responsibility.

☐ Sean Lavery, aged 21, son of a Sinn Fein Belfast councillor who was shot dead in a UFF attack at their Belfast home on Sunday was buried yesterday.



Ugly reminder: a grave of the Highland Light Infantry



No peace: a local man inspects some of the desecrated graves in Nijmegen

Extremists attack war graves

FROM MARK FULLER IN AMSTERDAM

THE graves of more than 200 British and Allied soldiers have been daubed with swastikas and racist slogans at a cemetery in the Netherlands.

Right-wing extremists are believed to have carried out the attack on the Jonkerbosch cemetery at Nijmegen, near the German border. Dutch police yesterday set up a 12-strong team to hunt the attackers. Willem van Herwijnen, a spokesman, said 212 graves had been desecrated at the second world war cemetery, where 1,600 Allied soldiers are buried.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Britain said the incident, in the early hours of Tuesday, was the worst of its kind for many years. The cemetery will be kept open while the graves are cleaned, as it receives many visitors from abroad.

Most of those buried at Jonkerbosch were British soldiers who fell in the Battle of Arnhem. Ten thousand British and Allied paratroopers fought in vain to capture the bridge over the Rhine at Arnhem in 1945. More than 1,000 were killed.

The Dutch have a long tradition of tolerance towards foreigners and were swift to condemn the attacks on Turkish immigrants in Germany earlier this year, but there is growing prejudice.

Recession and rapidly rising unemployment have caused resentment towards foreigners and a government survey indicated that 48 per cent of the population felt there were too many foreigners in the country. Ethnic minorities account for under 6 per cent of the Netherlands' population of 15 million.

Nijmegen council is to hold a special ceremony today to lay wreaths at the cemetery in honour of the war dead.

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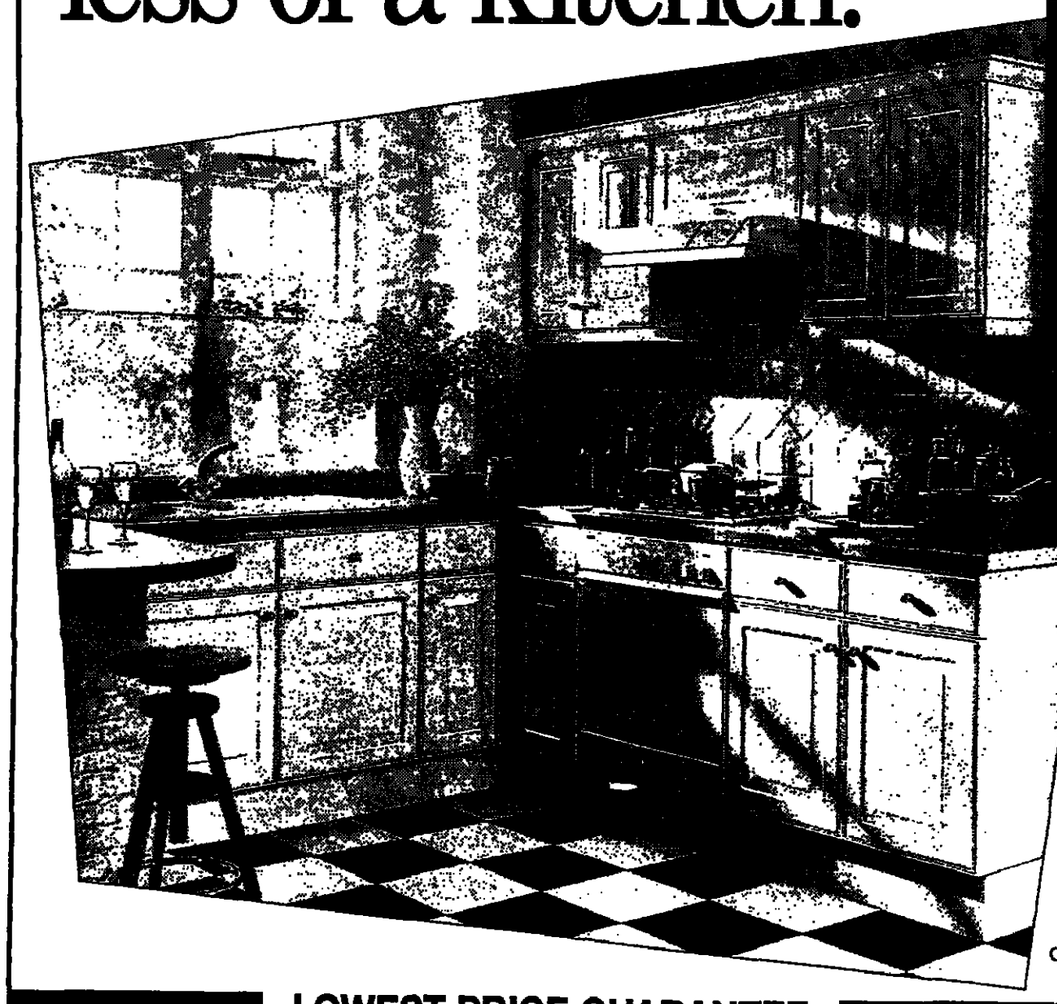

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Injured fireman to sue man he rescued

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FIREMAN is suing a man he rescued for negligence because of the injuries he sustained to his head and neck in the process.

Stuart Sanderson, of the West Yorkshire fire service, is claiming damages against Howard Pearson following the rescue from a garage which burst into flames when a heater ignited petrol vapours. Mr Pearson, 27, a van driver, of Oakenshaw, West Yorkshire, was draining his motorbike petrol tank.

Malcolm Saunders, deputy chief fire officer of West Yorkshire, said Mr Sanderson was bringing the case on the grounds that Mr Pearson could have resonably foreseen that he would put firefighters at risk by indulging in an activity which could have caused a fire.

Mr Pearson was astonished to receive the solicitor's letter. He was severely burned in the fire and spent six weeks in hospital. He needed ten skin grafts on his legs and arms.

"I thought a fireman's job was to rescue you. It's like your doctor suing you because he catches your illness when you go to see him for a cure," he said.

Firefighters have been able to sue householders for some time. Stewart Charnley, of the Fire Brigades Union, said: "There are from time to time claims like this when a person has been negligent, but more often claims are made against the authority."

Public audit on opt-out school cash 'abandoned'

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, has abandoned key principles to safeguard the use of public money in grant-maintained schools, the local government financial watchdog said yesterday.

Sir David Cooksey, the Audit Commission chairman, emphasised the "enormous" potential for waste and said a decision to allow opt-out schools to appoint their own auditors was unprecedented.

Large sums were also being given to inexperienced governors and head teachers under local management, he said in the commission's annual report. Some of the £16.5 billion given to state schools annually might be misused or even misappropriated. The attack follows a series of reports, including one by the National Audit Office, expressing concern at weaknesses of financial controls in the grant-maintained sector.

Ministers expect half of the 3,900 secondary schools in England and Wales to have opted out of local education authority control by 1996.

Sir David said it was essential that the principles of public-sector auditing were properly applied. By removing the grant-maintained sector from the commission's remit in the new education bill, the department had disregarded a well-tested system for comparing and contrasting the managerial performance of schools, he said.

Yardie gets life for Wild West killing

A TOP-ranking Yardie gunman who shot dead one man, injured another in the stomach and hit a woman when he fired in the air, was jailed for life at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The court heard that Leroy Leslie, 26, casually approached the two men at a party in Stoke Newington, northeast London, last November, ordered his girl friend Linneth Lewis to hand him a gun from her handbag and opened fire.

Robin Grey QC, for the prosecution, said: "They were gunned down in cold blood. It was a scene more reminiscent of a Wild West saloon and the days of Al Capone."

Andre Blackman, 25, died almost immediately. His friend, Jeff Dixon, also 25, was shot in the stomach. Lesley threatened him with the gun again before hitting him over the head with the butt. Mr Grey said Lesley then fired the gun into the air several times, catching a woman in the thigh with one of the shots. Mr Dixon had made a full recovery.

He went on: "It is obviously a very dangerous man who is prepared to kill someone in cold blood in front of 190 or so people."

Lesley, of Hornsey, north London, an illegal immigrant known as Scarface because of a wound thought to have been sustained in a shoot-out with Jamaican police, rose to the top of the Yardie black mafia — based in the West Indies — because of his violent reputation. He had previous convictions in Britain for violence, drugs and firearms offences.

Leslie: gunman with a violent reputation

The court was told that he was member of a gang called the Raima Possee which police believe is involved in drug running and robberies.

Neither of his victims had known Yardie connections and after the trial, detectives said it remained a mystery why they were targeted.

Det Insp John McCullough said: "Motives put forward have ranged between a trivial argument between the men to a drugs deal that went wrong."

Leslie's co-defendant, Linneth May Lewis, 33, of Clapton, north London, was acquitted of murder.

Outside the court, a detective said: "The frequency with which Yardies carry guns is alarming. They have to be stopped."

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Group 4 guards will not be prosecuted over prisoner death

BY RICHARD DUCE

SIX Group 4 security guards will not be prosecuted following the death of a remand prisoner who collapsed and later died while under escort from court to prison, the Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday.

A CPS spokesman said that there was insufficient evidence to pursue criminal proceedings over the death of Ernest Hogg, 38.

However, the guards will remain suspended from duty until the outcome of a prison service enquiry under Alex Marnoch, a former Metropolitan police commander.

Mr Hogg, charged with illegally importing cocaine, was found unconscious in the back of the Group 4 security van after a 50-mile drive from the magistrates' court at Rotherham, South Yorkshire, to The Wolds remand prison near Hull, North Humberside, which is also run by the private security firm.

He died in hospital four days later, on May 8, and a post-mortem examination found he had died from brain damage caused by inhalation of vomit apparently caused by drinking a large amount of alcohol.

An inquest has still to determine how Mr Hogg obtained the drink. It is thought it was either smuggled into him in mineral water bottles or was illegally manufactured inside the jail.

Theresa Clarke, Mr Hogg's solicitor who now acts for his family, said yesterday the CPS decision was not unexpected but it was still intended to press ahead with an action for damages against Group 4.

The exact nature of the civil action will not be determined until after the resumed inquest in Hull into the death of Mr Hogg, a father of two from Dundee, Tayside.

After his death in Hull Royal Infirmary, enquiries were carried out by Humberside police, the coroner, Group 4 and the prison service.

The CPS said yesterday: "Having studied the detailed and comprehensive file prepared by Humberside police, we have concluded that there is insufficient evidence for any prosecution."

Howard: will decide fate of the six guards

It will be up to Michael Howard, the home secretary, to decide whether to revoke the suspension of the Group 4 security guards' operating certificates.

A spokesman for the prison service said: "We have noted the CPS decision and now await Mr Marnoch's report. There is no indication when it will be completed. We are also waiting for the inquest to resume."

On the day Mr Hogg collapsed, he had been taken to the magistrates' court for a remand hearing and it is thought the alcohol may have travelled with him in personal property bags which were provided in case he was granted bail.

Miss Clarke has said that when she saw Mr Hogg at 11.45am, after the magistrates remanded him in custody, he was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

At 5pm, when the escort van arrived at The Wolds after dropping off prisoners at Hull prison, Mr Hogg was found unconscious. His condition had been noted during the stop at Hull by two security guards, both trained in first aid, but he was considered well enough to undertake the remainder of the journey.

STEPHEN MARKESON

Foot patrol: members of the Ramblers Association with illegal signs erected on a right of way at Farm Wood, Buckinghamshire

Ramblers urged to let their feet do the talking

BY JOHN YOUNG

WALKERS are to be asked by the Ramblers Association to report all obstructions on public rights of way.

The appeal, to be launched tomorrow, is part of a campaign led by the Countryside Commission to ensure that the 140,000-mile network of paths is fully opened and properly maintained by the end of the century. It also aims to put pressure on county councils to take action against recalcitrant landowners.

Tomorrow is the third anniversary of the Rights of Way Act, which imposed a duty on councils as highway authorities to ensure public footpaths are unobstructed. But progress has been patchy, and the commission fears that unless stronger action is taken to enforce the law it will fail to meet its target.

Last month, the commission asked for volunteers to take part in a survey to assess the scale of the problem. But the survey will cover only sample areas of England and Wales, and the association believes that the only way to obtain a complete picture is by enlisting the co-operation of all path users.

"We urge anyone coming across a path problem to tell the association about it," John Trevelyan, the deputy director, said yesterday. "We will then approach the local authority responsible."

He said that problems could include ploughing across a path, standing crops, barbed wire, "Keep out" signs, bulls and buildings which obstruct the right of way. "Walking is Britain's most popular outdoor leisure activity and it is vitally important that the millions of people who enjoy walking in the countryside can do so without hindrance."

One difficulty was that people unfamiliar with the countryside lacked confidence and tended to use only the best known paths, which were clearly visible and well marked. As a result many smaller paths were little used and landowners could claim that as a pretext for not maintaining them.

The Ramblers Association has issued four leaflets advising the public of their rights and what action to take when faced with an obstruction. They are available from its offices at 1-5 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2XX (sae appreciated).

Car boot sales 'out of control as home for counterfeiters'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

CAR boot sales are raging out of control as a happy hunting ground, not for bargain hunters, but for cheats, frauds and counterfeiters, according to trading standards officers.

Steve Playle, divisional trading standards officer for the London Borough of Havering, calls today for legislation requiring all boot sale operators to be licensed. He says they are no longer charitable events where private individuals sell unwanted items. "They are highly organised businesses run by professional operators making serious money."

There are five boot sales in Havering, east London, every week throughout the summer. All are professionally run, and attract mostly professional traders. Officers' visits, Mr Playle says, "always reveal an array of infringements against all trading standards legislation".

Mr Playle, writing in *Trading Standards Review*, the official journal of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, says Havering's storerooms are "close to bursting point due to the quantity of goods that have been seized" because they are fraudulent, dangerous, or both.

Yet enforcement of legislation has proved "a nightmare", says Mr Playle. "The main problems are: how do you get a genuine name and address from a seller of counterfeit goods; what do you do when a seller snatches your evidence, smashes it into a thousand pieces and threatens to cut your throat; how do you prove that car boot vendors are acting in the course of trade or business; and how do you stop dealers in counterfeit goods smuggling away evidence when word goes round that trading standards are on the scene?"

Discussion with colleagues in other parts of the country has convinced Mr Playle that boot sales are out of control. He is calling for a system in which finds of counterfeit or dangerous products could lead to the revocation of a sale operator's licence.

Car boot sales are classed in law as *bona fide* markets, and local authorities can only seek injunctions against them on a day when a franchise market is already being held within a radius of six and two thirds of a mile. Under the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1988, boot sales can be held for up to 14 days a year at any site without planning permission.

Trading standards officers believe that the present legislation completely thwarts their attempts to control the sales.

A private member's bill to regulate them may be introduced to the House of Commons in the autumn, but the officers are not optimistic about its chances of success.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Builder in rocket case is cleared

A builder was yesterday cleared of firing a rocket through the letter box of a client after a dispute over £7,000 for work he had done on a house in Belgravia, southwest London.

Anthony Spencer, 48, from Warlingham, Surrey, was found not guilty of mounting the attack on Charles Holland, 40, a stockbroker.

Mr Holland claimed he chased and caught Mr Spencer after the incident, in which his face was burned, in March this year. But Mr Spencer produced three witnesses to show that he had been at a Chelsea-Arsenal football match at the time.

Bark breaks flats plunge

A woman who fell ten storeys from her flat in Wigan, Greater Manchester, survived when she landed on newly-laid bark flower bed chippings.

Karen Street, 28, was "poorly but stable" in intensive care with internal injuries and a broken pelvis.

Baby murder

A woman, aged 18, and a man, aged 21, were helping police, who launched a murder enquiry following the death from head injuries of 15-month-old Rory England in Taunton, Somerset.

Boy drowns

Russell Ethelstone, 8, drowned after falling into a canal behind his home in Maesbury March, Shropshire, while playing with his two brothers.

Rapist hunted

Police are hunting a man in his forties and with a badly pock-marked face who raped a 52-year-old woman after she had left her husband in a pub at Dartford, Kent.

Bomb danger

Bomb disposal experts worked to defuse an unexploded 1,000lb world war two bomb which had lain undetected in the grounds of Plumpton Agricultural College, East Sussex, for 50 years.

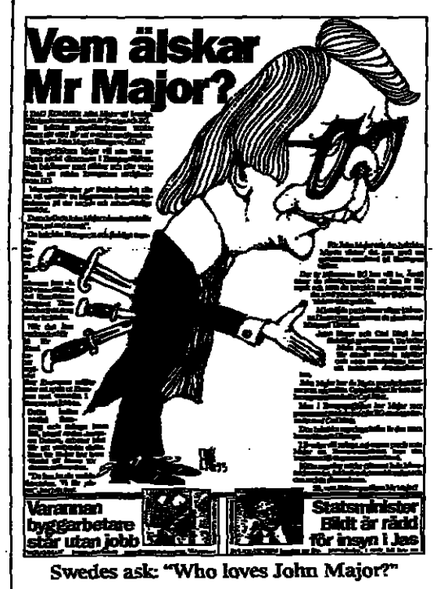
Model theft

Anthony Berridge, 55, had spent 3,000 hours over five years building a scale model of a Mirage jet when it was stolen from his home in Semington, Wiltshire.

Whistle stop

Passengers on a train held up by a points failure near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, went to the nearest pub at the suggestion of the guard, who blew the whistle when it was time to go.

Sweden goes on Major charm offensive



Swedes ask: "Who loves John Major?"

FROM NICK GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

GIVEN the growing popular opposition to his policy of EC membership, Carl Bildt, Sweden's conservative prime minister, is hoping John Major can ease his nation's path into Europe during his visit, which began last night. Mr Bildt has staked his political future on his European policy and is struggling to convince a sceptical public that the sacrifices are worthwhile.

Mr Major's visit will be followed closely by those of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor and Francois Mitterrand, the French president. In each case Mr Bildt will be asking for their support.

Negotiations for admission were supposed to have been completed by Christmas, with Sweden becoming a full member in 1995. However, none of the contentious issues have been resolved. Mr Bildt knows that only political pressure from the leaders of the community's biggest countries can prevent long hold-ups.

Sweden's main political parties are united in their desire to join, but opinion polls show 42 per cent of the population against EC membership and only 28 per cent in favour.

If Mr Bildt is to have any chance of reversing the polls his negotiators must come back from Brussels with the best possible deal, something that can only be achieved if he has the main community leaders on his side.

With this in mind, Swedish newspapers have christened the official visits as Sweden's "charm offensive", tailored to individual leaders. After it became known that Mr Major liked fireworks, a display was arranged; Helmut Khol is going fishing; and on a recent visit Jacques Delors was taken by helicopter to the Arctic Circle.

Personally, it would appear Mr Major and Mr Bildt have little in common. Mr Bildt is from an old aristocratic family, an intellectual who is an expert on security matters. However, in political style they have much in common, sharing a belief in privatisation and lower taxes.

Whirlwind trip puts EC expansion on agenda

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

PRIME ministers have traditionally used the summer months to visit countries that may not play leading roles in world affairs but with which they wish to maintain friendly relations.

John Major, after a year of domestic political turmoil, is happy to be the guest of a country whose entry into the EC he has been advocating since he took over as Tory leader.

His Swedish counterpart, Carl Bildt, invited the Majors over when he visited Britain last year. Mr Major is making the first official visit of a British prime minister to Sweden since the early 1960s.

Despite the recent buffeting suffered by the EC, the leader of Sweden's Moderate (Conservative) party enthuses about membership and has said he hopes Sweden can join by January 1995, probably with Austria, Finland and Norway.

Mr Major has made EC enlargement one of the central aims of his European policy. As an anti-federalist, he wants to see the Community widening rather than deepening. He may one day need Mr Bildt as an ally.

The visit is a courtesy trip in the truest sense of the description. It will not be dominated by lengthy political discussions, but will include a meeting with King Carl Gustaf, a breakfast encounter with senior Swedish businessmen and a helicopter trip to Stockholm's coastal archipelago.

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British Championship, Dundee

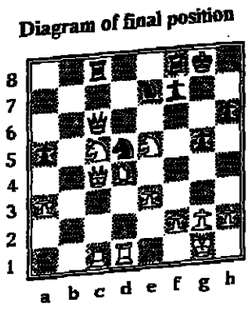
THE British Championship, held in the Sports Hall of the University of Dundee, reaches a climax this week. For further information ring the championship chess office on 0382 204287. Here is an early win by the British champion of the last two years, Julian Hodgson will be commentating at the forthcoming Kasparov-Short Championship Match in London. In this game Black attempts to break White's bind with a temporary sacrifice of a piece. However, he miscalculates and the temporary sacrifice turns into a permanent one.

White: J Hodgson
Black: McElligott
British Ch, Dundee 1993

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	d5
2	Bg5	c6
3	Nf3	h6
4	Bh4	Bl5
5	c4	Qa5+
6	Nc3	e6
7	e3	Nd7
8	a3	Ngf6
9	b4	Qd8
10	Bd3	Bxd3
11	Qxd3	dxc4

Diagram of final position



12	Qxc4	a5	33	c3	Rd5
13	0-0	Be7	34	f4	hxg3
14	b5	0-0	35	Qg4	Nh4
15	bxc6	bxc6	36	Nf6+	Bxf6
16	Na4	c5	37	exf6	Nf5
17	dxc5	g5	38	Ne5	Qd6
18	Bg3	Nxc5	39	Qh5	Rxe5
19	Rfd1	Qc8	40	Rxe5	Qd2
20	Nxc5	Qc6	41	Qe2	Qxc3
21	Rac1	Rac8	42	Rxe6	Qa1+
22	Be5	Nd5	43	Kg2	gxf6
23	Bd4	e5	44	Qg4+	Ng7
24	Nxe5		45	Re2	Qd4
			46	Kxg3	Qd3+
			47	Kg2	Qxb3
			48	Qf3	Qf7
			49	Qe4	c4
			50	Rc2	Kf8
			51	Rxc4	Ne8
			52	Rc8	

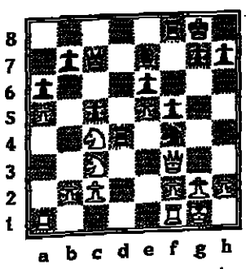
Black resigns

Black lost on time

Kasparov - Short

Continuing my occasional series of previous clashes between Short and Kasparov, I give a game from their 1987 Speed Challenge Match. We join the game in a critical position just after Black's 20th move. In the final position, White is still struggling to win, but Black lost the game by time forfeit.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
London Speed Challenge 1987



21	b3	Ng6
22	Rfe1	Rf4
23	Qe3	Qc6
24	f3	Bg5
25	Qe2	Rd4
26	g3	Rfd8
27	Rad1	Be7
28	Qg2	f4
29	Qe2	h5
30	Rxd4	Rxd4
31	Ne4	fxg3
32	hxg3	h4

Junior Award

I will be offering a book prize for the best game played by any junior player (Under 18) in any section of the British Championships submitted to me at *The Times* no later than August 21. The winning game will be guaranteed publication in this column. All players aged 18 years or under competing in any section of the British Championship at Dundee should send their entries to me: c/o Championship Chess, The Times, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN. Entries should include the moves of the game in algebraic notation plus an explanation of no more than 50 words as to why the chosen game should win.

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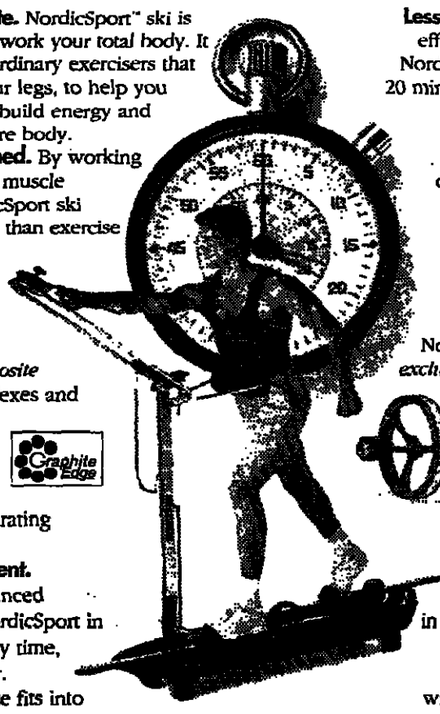

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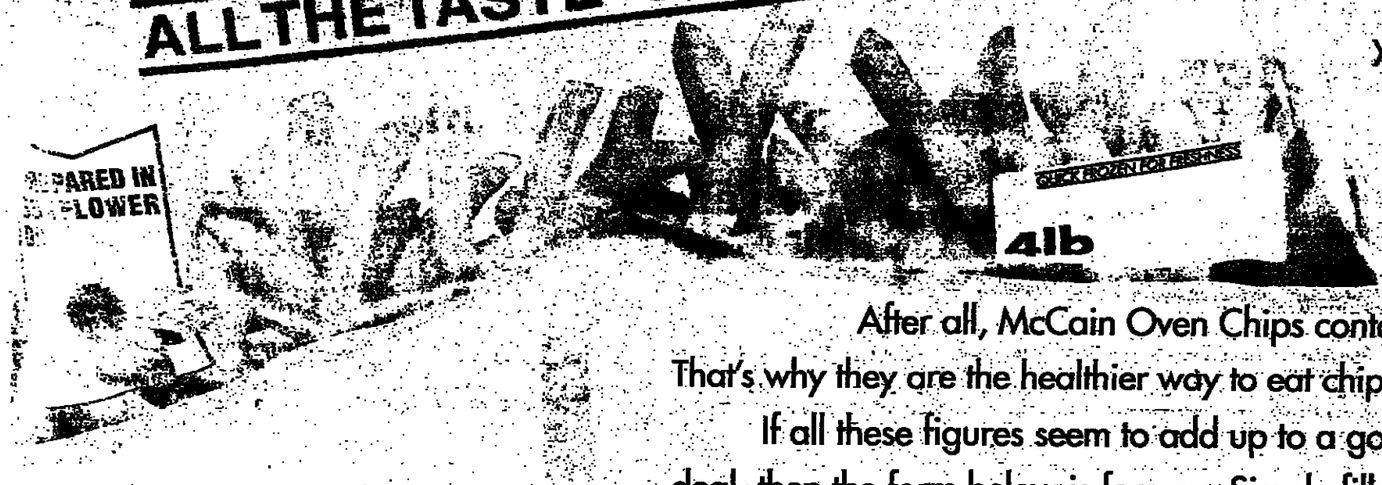

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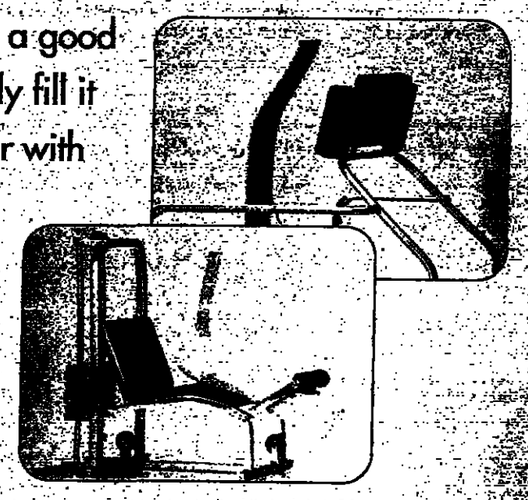

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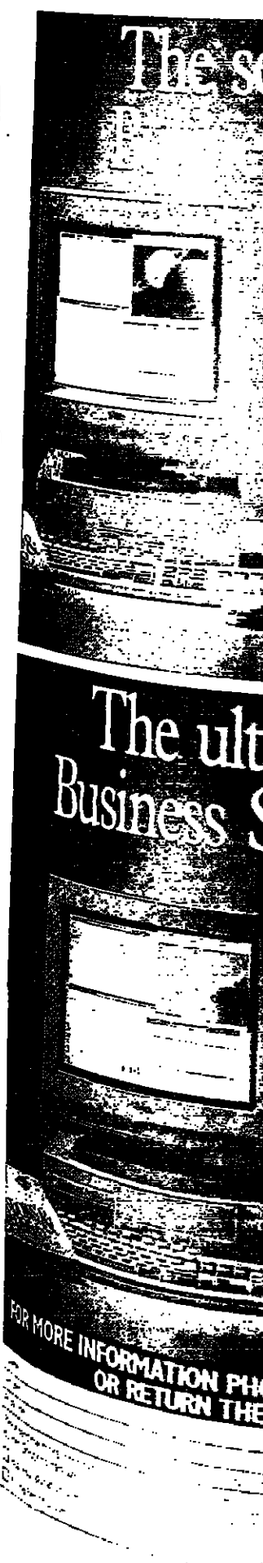

Reining and pouring: a horse and cart mix with traffic on the wet streets outside Dublin's Trinity College

Passing Attractions

Dublin

Famous for? Guinness, James Joyce, political scandals and pubs.
Appearance? A dowdy mistress. Georgian elegance surrounded and defeated by 1950s and 1960s concrete.
Rose to fame? In 800s when the Vikings arrived.
Made its name? When it became the first colonial capital to kick out the British.
Best time to go? It rains all year, but spring and autumn are best for a long weekend. Choose cosy Buswells Hotel over expensive and overheated upmarket establishments.
How to relax in Dublin? Go to the pub/don't go to the pub (delete as appropriate). Dream about getting a divorce — still not legal in Ireland.
Most famous residents? U2, Mary Robinson (the president) plus the writers Joyce, Beckett, O'Casey, Yeats, Behan and Shaw, most of whom didn't like it and left.
Most famous non-resident? Jack Charlton, honorary citizen and manager of the Irish football team; Bob Geldof.
Sporting attractions? English visitors trying to pronounce Dun Laoghaire, rugby internationals and Gaelic games.
Local speciality? Conversation, tall tales and the "craic". The smooth Dublin brogue. The use of expletives to divide multi-syllabic words.
Food? Coddle and Guinness. Boiled sausage, onions, bacon and potatoes combined as a light stew. Guinness and oysters.
Worth visiting? Killiney, Dalkey or Howth. Anywhere in co. Wicklow.
Worst thing about Dublin? IRA claims responsibility for its operations in Britain from Dublin. The colour of the city's buses.
Best thing about Dublin? That's as far as it's northern troubles go.
Done anything to spruce up its image recently? Abolished smog with a clean air act. New writers' museum. New "left bank" restoration of Temple Bar on south side of the Liffey and new concert hall.
Most likely visitor? The pope.
Most likely protestor? Sinead O'Connor, who tore up his picture on television.
Least likely visitor? The Rev Ian Paisley.
Dress code? Young girls wear black. Everyone else needs an umbrella.

Cervical cancer vaccine is likely soon

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

SCIENTISTS believe the development of a vaccine against cancer of the cervix, the most common cancer suffered by women, may not be far away.

Dr Harald zur Hausen, who first made the link between cancer of the cervix and papilloma 10 years ago, said yesterday he was optimistic that a vaccine would be developed and that clinical trials could start simultaneously in a number of countries.

Dr zur Hausen, of the German Cancer Centre in Heidelberg, told the International Congress of Virology in Glasgow yesterday: "I am relatively optimistic that a vaccine will be developped but I would not like to put a timescale on it."

A vaccine for cancer of the cervix could save hundreds of thousands of lives. In Britain, despite screening programmes, 2,000 women die of the disease each year. In other parts of the world, where there are no screening programmes, it kills a hundred times as many women in proportion to the population.

Although one in five women harbour the papilloma virus, relatively few go on to develop cancer. Dr zur Hausen said: "Just 3 per cent of women with the virus most commonly associated with cancer develop the disease within 45 years of infection." The reason for this is that the virus needs some other agent to stimulate cancerous development, which could be smoking, exposure to radiation or exposure to some chemicals, he said.

Dr Joan Macnab, of the Institute of Virology in Glasgow, believes one of these cofactors could be exposure to the herpes simplex virus which causes genital herpes. Dr zur Hausen disputes this and says women with herpes simplex virus and papilloma virus are not necessarily going to develop cancer of the cervix.

Dr zur Hausen said that 15 per cent of all cancers were linked to viruses. Early results of innoculation programmes in the Gambia, Taiwan and China against hepatitis B, responsible for some cancer of the liver, suggested that the high incidence of liver cancer in these areas would be greatly reduced.

Benn gives British Library his hoard of political archives

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

AS THE world awaits the publication of Lady Thatcher's memoirs, scholars will soon have unlimited access to a far larger source of political history, Tony Benn's archives.

After years of discussion, Mr Benn is to give his mammoth collection of political papers to the British Library, chosen above a variety of institutions, including the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

At present housed in seven sheds in his garden and at an office in London, the papers comprise all Mr Benn's speeches since 1946, hundreds of Labour party documents, conference reports, press cuttings and pamphlets.

There are 13 boxes of political correspondence alone and, of course, the Benn diaries, transcribed from the original tapes and described by Mr Benn as the "spinal column" to the whole archive.

The original political diaries are about eight times longer than the published version, the fifth and final volume of which appeared last year.

The value of the papers to historians of 20th-century government, industrial policy and labour history is widely acknowleged. Both the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts and the Public Record Office have recognised their importance.

Mr Benn is modest, however: "Five sheds is what happens when you file all your waste paper," he said. "You build a public library by accident. It is not history, journalism or memoirs, but raw material. There are gaps and important events are missed because I am concentrating on specific areas."

At the moment scholars can book appointments to visit Mr Benn's house and shuffle through the overflowing boxes. Dissertations on the IMF crisis, shipbuilding and the origins of the Giro cheque have already benefited from Mr Benn's relentless filing.

But the British Library will allow far wider access: the constituency correspondence alone will provide an insight into social as well as political history when students are allowed a free rein.

The library has negotiated to take the papers when Mr Benn retires, but he would like the huge task of indexing to begin soon. The portion studied by the library comprised more than 502,000 leaves and will take two people two years to index at an estimated cost of £100,000. At present the filing system is known only to Mr Benn, his memory acting as a guide.

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New Timex workers face dole

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

WORKERS hired by Timex in Dundee to stand in for staff sacked in February could be back on the dole within two months.

The company confirmed yesterday that it had paid off 93 of the replacement workers and that the Dundee factory could shut by October, two months ahead of schedule.

A Timex spokesman said the remaining 170 hourly-paid workers at the Dundee plant were expected to go as soon as customers for the factory's printed circuit boards found other suppliers.

Sacked shop stewards held a three-hour meeting yesterday at which they pledged to intensify their international campaign against the company. After the meeting, Charlie Malone, one of the shop stewards, said: "Timex has lost. They are getting out of Dundee as quickly as possible to limit damage."

Trawler smashes sea salvage record

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A SMALL Scottish company working from a converted trawler has smashed the record for deep-sea recovery by raising copper ingots from a wreck 4,200 feet down off Cape Finisterre, Spain.

Captain Alec Crawford and his crew of three hope to raise the entire 7,300 ton cargo, worth £10 million, that went down with the *François Vieljeux* on February 14, 1979. They are working at a depth three times greater than any previous salvage operations, battling against rough seas and strong currents, using remote-control techniques from the wheelhouse of *The Redeemer*, an 86ft fishing trawler which was itself salvaged by Capt Crawford in 1982.

"This is the culmination of two and a half years' hard work," he said. "Not only have we designed and developed the entire recovery system, but also located the wreck, cleared all the heavy debris and hatch beams that obstructed access to the holds, and removed the overburden that covered the copper. This ushers in a new era in remote underwater work."

The ingots are 4ft 6in long, by 5in square and weigh about 280lb. The first was raised last week by a remotely-controlled grab, from a depth greater than the height of Ben Nevis. The ingots were insured, but Deep Water Recovery and Exploration, the company run by Capt Crawford and his wife Moya, will be entitled to the lion's share of the value.

The salvage is being carried out by a grab lowered on a cable armoured against sea pressure. The cable also sends up images from a camera, enabling the grab to be moved by small adjustments of the boat's position, controlled by lines attached to six mooring buoys. By lenthening and shortening the lines, the ship can be moved precisely, so the grab can be placed to within 12in.

The company operates on small budgets of only £17,500 a month, a fraction of other salvage firms. This enables the crew to wait for good weather without running up huge bills.

Fry-up ends jail protest

A PRISON director disclosed yesterday that a two-hour sit-in by inmates was halted after he agreed to provide them with a bacon and bean supper.

Fifty prisoners staged the protest in their canteen at the privately-run Blakenhurst prison in Redditch, Worcestershire, claiming that vegetarians were being fed meat and Moslem inmates had been denied Halal food.

David Brooke, the director, said that the demonstration, which ended late on Monday night, had been peaceful. "There was no injury or threats to any member of staff."

He insisted that food in the prisoners' dining room catered for the special dietary requirements of Moslems and vegetarians. He said he believed that the trouble may have been related to the impending removal of ten prisoners due to be transferred to other jails but who wanted to stay.

The prison was back to normal yesterday.

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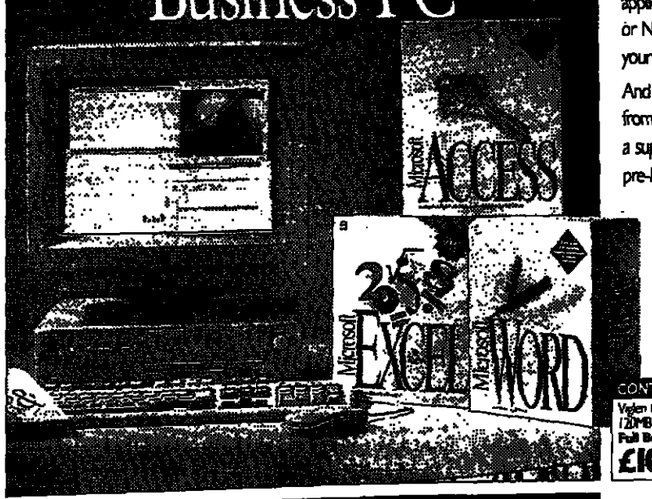

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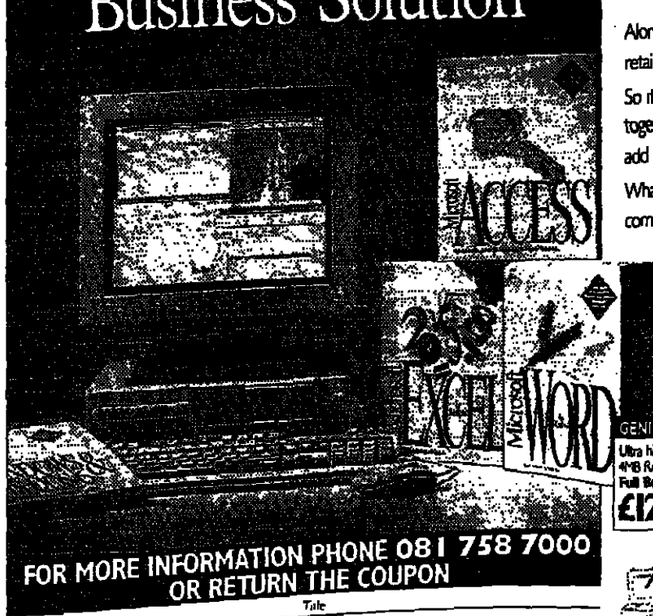

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Owen sets deadline for Serb forces to quit Mount Igman

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
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■ **Radovan Karadzic insists his forces will withdraw because he wants peace and not because of Nato threats of force. The siege of Sarajevo, he claims, is now over**

Karadzic: insisted his troops were leaving

RADOVAN Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, has been given until this morning to pull his forces off Mount Igman, overlooking Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, so that the Geneva peace talks can resume. The deadline was set in Geneva by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the international peace negotiators, shortly after hundreds of Bosnian Serb troops were seen leaving the mountain. Dr Karadzic, also in Geneva, insisted that the last of his troops were already preparing to leave.

He added that they were doing so because of the Serb desire to restart the peace talks and not because of the threat of Nato air strikes. "The last Serbian soldiers are preparing to leave Igman mountain, the two roads which are open to Sarajevo are ready to get convoys, so Sarajevo is no longer under siege," he said.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia said earlier that he would give the Serbs up to two days to withdraw from Mount Igman before he walked out of the peace talks. "We are willing to stay one or two more days, but then we will return to our Bosnia," he said.

In New York yesterday the United Nations announced that it had completed arrangements for Nato to start flying air sorties to protect peacekeeping troops in Bosnia. But Joe Sills, the chief UN spokesman, added a caveat, saying the arrangements were now being tested, which would take several days.

Diplomats say the UN now has enough foward air controllers (target spotters) in place in Bosnia to guide any Nato air attack. New communications systems have been set up for some far-flung UN peacekeepers to warn them of impending air attacks and these have to be tested before General Jean Cot, the UN commander, declares a "state of readiness" for the strikes to begin.

In Geneva, John Mills, spokesman for Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg, welcomed a military agreement reached among Bosnian Muslims, Serbs and Croats in Sarajevo early yesterday that would be part of an overall peace package. "This agreement is enormously important," he said. "It means that the current peace process has achieved agreement with the political and military leaderships of the three parties on all aspects of the settlement except for the map."

Mr Mills reacted angrily, however, to suggestions by *The Washington Post* and the Bosnian government that, as co-chairman, Lord Owen had been pressurising the Bosnian presidency into dividing Sarajevo with the Bosnian Serbs. Mr Mills said the negotiators had made an agreement with the Serbian and Bosnian government delegations to postpone arrangements on the future of Sarajevo for up to a year.

The Geneva process yesterday came under fierce criticism from Marshall Harris, the former US State Department official who resigned last week in protest over the West's inaction in Bosnia. Mr Harris demanded an immediate end to the arms embargo against Bosnia and urged air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs. Speaking in London, he also repeated earlier calls for the immediate resignation of Lord Owen, accusing him of failing to act impartially.

Lord Owen was also criticised by Professor Adrian Hastings of Leeds University, who said the role of the European Community's envoy was a "moral disgrace".

Members of the Bosnian delegation in Geneva insisted that they had been under unprecedented pressure from the co-chairman to accede to the Serbian delegation's demands to divide Sarajevo. "The people of Sarajevo do not want to divide their city but the international community is abdicating its moral and legal responsibilities on this issue," said Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister.

The Bosnian Serbs propose to build the capital of the Bosnian Serb republic in Ilidza, a suburb of Sarajevo, leaving the Muslims with inner Sarajevo plus a secure access route out of inner Sarajevo. The Muslims want Unprofor (the UN protection force) to disarm the city and, after a "cooling-off period", allow Sarajevo's citizens to determine the city's status.

A document released yesterday by the Bosnian government delegation, *The Abandonment of the London Conference Principles*, said Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg had tried to coerce the Bosnian Muslims into accepting Bosnian Serb proposals to divide Sarajevo.

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On the spot: Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the special representative of the UN Commissioner for Human Rights, arriving in Sarajevo yesterday

'She will die — it was as I said, the day before it was too late'

Doctor Edo Jaganjac has seen thousands of war wounded in the past 16 months. Some he has forgotten, some will be with him forever. Irma Hadzimuratovic is one of the latter.

Sitting on a hospital cot with his legs bent up in front of him, Edo is visibly disturbed by Irma's plight. The young doctor rests in the sunlit room, reflecting, smoking a precious cigarette donated by some relief worker or a journalist.

Of all the hundreds of people I have met in Sarajevo, there are few who know the horror of war like Edo. I reminded him yesterday of a conversation we had last New Year's Eve, in the same lounge. The temperature was well below freezing and there was no electricity and little heating. "You told me you did not know how much longer you could go on," I said.

"After that I realised we will keep on doing this as long as we have to, because we have no other choice," he replied, stabbing his cigarette out in the ashtray.

Day after day, without end, Edo battles for people's lives without adequate equipment. In the same way that the arms embargo has denied Sarajevo the means to defend itself, the siege has kept from Edo the precious tools to save lives.

Unshaven, his sandy hair awry, Edo said he had been unable to sleep the previous night, his mind racing with reflections. So yesterday, when I found him, he wanted to talk about Irma. There is little time for therapy in Sarajevo.

"She will die. It was as I said, it was too late. Even the day before it was too late", Edo said. "The day before [she was evacuated] you could still see the life in her. In her eyes, you could see the pain and the fear. Then, the morning she left, it was all gone." he said, falling silent.

"I've cried several times in this war over patients," he went on. "But that is not the way you save a patient. You must be intellectual. You develop a system to remain cold, but it is impossible to always be cold."

Opening his own wounds, he continued: "I am thinking about her most of the time. Just because you are a doctor doesn't mean you are not a man. When you see a child bleeding, you think of your own children. She was too young to know what Muslim or Serb is. She was too young to know the difference between war and peace. She didn't even know her mother was dead."

The last time Edo saw his own two daughters, they were aged one and five — the older the same age as Irma. That was on May 18 1992, just after the start of the war, when he put them on a convoy of several thousand women and children leaving the city. They are now in Prague with his wife.

Two months ago he received a video cassette of the girls from his wife. He borrowed a generator and video player, and bought some fuel on the black market to watch the tape. "I've lost a part of their lives that I can never imagine", Edo said, looking up with a smile that trembled. "I ask then, how much is a life? How much does a life cost? Tell me."

He said there are more than 400 more patients who are waiting to be evacuated. Between 70 and 80 people were now blind because the hospitals do not not have the equipment, or the electricity to run it, which would have saved their sight.

But it was to the subject of Irma that he returned. Finally, bidding me to stay a few more minutes, he told of the day, almost two weeks ago, when they brought her to the hospital.

"You could see her big open eyes, very scared and very curious," Edo said, staring me in the face. "When she arrived her pulse was very quick, and then it started to go slower and slower. You could see her life going from her. I've seen hundreds of people die, but to actually see her dying . . ."

As I left, a young male nurse stopped me. Could I get him out of the city? "I was born here, but this is not my town anymore."

Everyone in Sarajevo hopes to be saved. Everyone welcomes the new Anglo-Swedish initiative, Operation Irma. They wonder if it will come too late.

EYEWITNESS SARAJEVO

By Joel Brand

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Nazi-hunters split on whether to call off the hounds

Wiesenthal: his SS quarry died under a false name

ISRAEL'S high court has not yet decided whether John Demjanjuk should be tried on fresh charges of being a war criminal, but most officials and diplomats believe he will be set free this month. If the man wrongly accused of being the Treblinka death camp's "Ivan the Terrible" is released, it would raise a critical question for Germany, Israel and, indeed, the world community: has the hunt for Nazi war criminals run its course?

Mr Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian-born retired car worker from Ohio, was suspected by Israeli prosecutors of being a psychopathic concentration camp guard who chopped off ears and breasts and shattered skulls with iron rods. He was extradited to Israel to stand trial on the basis of the testimony of nine camp survivors.

He was found guilty in 1988 and sentenced to death. But his conviction was called into doubt during the appeal process. How reliable is eye-witness testimony 50 years after the event? Both perpetrators and victims of Nazi crimes are often in their eighties. The experience of survivors may have branded their memories with the faces of brutal guards and officers — or it may have fundamentally disturbed their judgment.

*If trials against alleged Nazis are going to fail, dedicated anti-Nazis may take justice into their own hands, **Roger Boyes** believes*

The Demjanjuk verdict, and a virtual admission of defeat by Israel, has made Nazi-hunters hesitate to base a legal case solely on identification by witnesses. To bolster their case, investigators now have to make frequent visits to East European archives.

Even that has its pitfalls, however. Anti-communist partisans in Ukraine, Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe were sometimes jailed or executed by the communist authorities after the war on the basis of trumped-up charges of Nazi collaboration; some documents were forged for show trials.

Thirty years ago, when the Israelis tracked down Adolf Eichmann, the problem was basically finding the man and extracting him from his hiding place, usually in South America. Today the question of identification and the finding of convincing legal evidence is of paramount concern.

The cost of war-crimes trials has greatly increased while the cost of failure, in this case releasing Mr Demjanjuk from custody, is immeasurable. He is only the second alleged Nazi criminal, after Eichmann, to be tried by Israel; and this time Israel got it wrong.

Hundreds of other alleged war criminals still live quietly in Western countries. Mostly they were not senior members of the Nazi hierarchy and some would barely make the third division. But Nazi-hunters are adamant that all of them, however minor, have blood on their hands.

Maurice Papon, the Bordeaux police chief during the Nazi years, was alleged to have organised deportations, but the French authorities are still deciding how to proceed against him. The doubts now stirred by the Demjanjuk trial have further muddied the water. Paul Touvier, the former militia chief of Lyons, allegedly responsible for the murder of seven Jewish children, is expected to go on trial in France this year.

But the most sensitive cases are the alleged criminals from the Baltic states. In 1990 Lithuania rehabilitated thousands of people convicted by Soviet courts after the war, including many identified as war criminals by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Jerusalem.

Under pressure from Israel, the Vilnius government cancelled a few rehabilitations. Now those accused of Nazi crimes can argue not only that eye-witness testimony against them is unreliable but that the documents have been forged by the KGB as part of a campaign to stamp out Baltic nationalism.

On the whole, host countries of these controversial Baltic refugees seem to be willing to give them the benefit of the doubt rather than risk another Demjanjuk trial. Nowadays the task of Nazi-hunters usually is to announce the death of their quarry. Simon Wiesenthal, himself 84 years old, recently discovered that Anton Burger, deputy commandant of Theresienstadt camp, died aged 79 in Germany two years ago under a false name.

Others unaccounted for may well be dead. Heinrich Müller, head of the Gestapo, would be 91 if he is still alive. Alois Brunner, Eichmann's assistant, may have died last year in Damascus, or he may have changed his identity and moved to another country. In any case, he would be well into his eighties.

Some Nazi-hunters, such as Tuvia Friedman, believe it is time to call an end to the hunt. Serge and Beate Klarsfeld see that there is a role in identifying war criminals, even if nothing happens to them in the courts. There is some danger, though, in that approach. The Klarsfelds played a part in identifying René Bousquet, the Vichy police chief, who was shot dead by a disturbed publicity-seeker in June before his trial.

The Demjanjuk case has built its own frustrations. If trials against alleged Nazis and collaborators are going to collapse because of the weakness of eye-witness testimony, then some dedicated anti-Nazis are going to take justice into their own hands.

In any case, such Nazi-hunters as Efraim Zuroff in Jerusalem are determined to continue to deter murders in other wars and to show that the victims of Nazi Germany's crimes have not been forgotten.

Israel's law chief rejects call for Demjanjuk retrial

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

JOHN Demjanjuk, the Ohio car worker acquitted of being "Ivan the Terrible", the Treblinka death camp guard, came a step closer to freedom yesterday when Israel's attorney-general recommended that he should not be retried for other Nazi war crimes.

In a turbulent and emotionally-charged hearing in the Israeli high court in Jerusalem, Holocaust survivors, Nazi hunters and right-wing Israelis demanded that the state begin new proceedings against Mr Demjanjuk, on documentary evidence that he served as an SS guard in three Nazi camps.

However, Yosef Harish, the attorney-general, recommended "with a heavy heart" that the man acquitted by the Israeli supreme court of being the sadistic gas chamber operator at the Treblinka death camp, be set free, from his cell in the Ayalon prison near Tel Aviv.

"I have reached the conclusion that there is no point bringing Demjanjuk before the court for new proceedings ... We have no choice but to deport him from Israel based on the deportation order issued against him," said Mr Harish.

The state prosecutor was concerned that a retrial might contravene basic judicial principles, that a defendant cannot be tried twice on the basis of the same evidence. Also, legal experts pointed out that Mr Demjanjuk was stripped of his US citizenship and extradited to Israel specifically to stand trial for being "Ivan the Terrible". Israel would also be in violation of its extradition treaty with America if it charged Mr Demjanjuk for separate offences.

However, petitioners to the court insisted that an SS identity card and other Nazi documents proved that Mr Demjanjuk had served as a *wachmann* (guard) in Poland at the Trawniki training camp and the Sobibor death camp, where 250,000 Jews were murdered, and later was a guard at the Flossenburg concentration camp in Germany.

"As long as Demjanjuk was a *wachmann* in Sobibor and Trawniki, he is responsible for killing thousands of Jews," said Israel Yehezkel, a petitioner whose parents were murdered at Treblinka, and who served two years in prison for throwing acid at Yoram Sheftel, Mr Demjanjuk's Israeli defence lawyer. "How can it be that here in Israel they free the murderer of our people?"

In spite of the emotional pleas, Mr Sheftel said he was confident that the attorney-general's recommendation would be accepted by the court and that his client would be set free within the coming days, possibly as early as tomorrow.

However, Mr Demjanjuk's legal saga will still remain unresolved, since he faces a separate court battle in America to win the right to return to his home in Cleveland, Ohio. An American appeals court in Cincinnati ruled last week that he should be allowed back to take part in hearings on the validity of his 1986 extradition, but the US justice department is trying to prevent his return.

Anguished appeal: an Orthodox Jew protests outside Israel's high court yesterday while judges considered whether John Demjanjuk, acquitted recently of war crimes, should face a second trial. The attorney-general told the court the government wants the matter dropped

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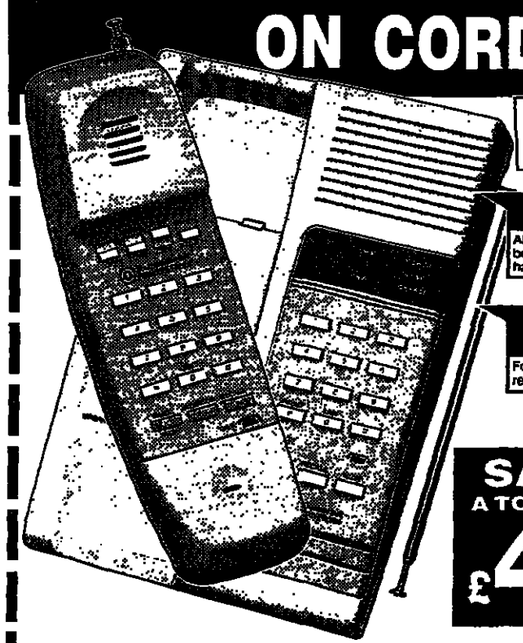

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Chechen gangs blamed as Moscow 'mafia' puts the bite on business

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

EIGHT people have been killed in the past week in Moscow in two separate gangland attacks, the latest in a long series that has shaken Moscow this year.

Colonel Vasili Kuptsov, the deputy head of the Moscow investigation department, yesterday accused Chechen and other Caucasian criminal groups of being responsible for the escalation of violence. He called for a special visa system to be introduced in order to stop such criminals entering Russia. Such a move would worsen Russian relations with its own north Caucasian republics and increase fears of state-sponsored racism among the huge Caucasian minorities in Russia's main cities. Some towns have already seen pogroms directed against alleged Caucasian criminals and black marketeers.

In yesterday's attack, three people were shot dead on the premises of a Moscow firm in what police described as a professional assassination. Last Friday five people were killed and a sixth critically injured in an attack on the "Aquarius" firm in Dmitrova Street, a few hundred yards from the Kremlin. Automatic weapons and grenades were used, and the attackers drove up in BMW cars.

Police described this attack as "a conflict between commercial structures" involving an unpaid £67,000 debt. They arrested three men from the Lyubertsy suburb of Moscow, home to a notorious Russian gang.

Even more sinister is the progress mafia-like groups are making towards seizing control of the heights of the new Russian private economy. Last month the Russian Banks Association told President Yeltsin that ten top bankers have been murdered and many more threatened as criminal groups try to seize control of banks.

This increasingly visible violence has led to a growth of racism among Russians. Above all, they identify "the mafia" with the Chechens.

This Caucasian nation of less than a million people has earned fame for its struggle for independence from Russia, and for providing two of Russia's most prominent politicians, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, and General Djokar Dudayev, president of Chechenia.

Off the menu: suspected Caucasian drug dealers are arrested in a Moscow café

Undaunted French cling to 1999 as target for monetary union

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

EDOUARD Balladur, the French prime minister, is to meet Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, on August 26 to discuss the timetable for monetary union.

News of the meeting came shortly after Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, insisted again yesterday that Europe stick to its original timetable for monetary union. "Europe has taken a step backwards; now we have to take two paces forward," M Juppé said on radio. "As regards the final phase of monetary union, we should keep the target of 1999."

He said close co-operation between France and Germany remained the foundation of European construction. "We must re-open the building site of Europe, not hand it over to the demolition-men who are rubbing their hands with glee these days, but to the builders."

He confirmed that a special EC summit meeting was scheduled for October. M Juppé's remarks followed comments by Alain Lamassoure, France's junior minister for European affairs, who called for the second stage of monetary union — the creation of the European Monetary Institute — to go ahead next year. M Lamassoure said Europe had in the past used the momentum from a crisis to move forward.

On Monday Chancellor Kohl emphasised his commitment to monetary union but insisted that none of the strict conditions for countries to meet should be eased. "If this has the consequence ... that the timetable now envisaged is delayed by one or two years — and I don't know this, no one knows this — then I ask: what does that change in the basic course?" he said.

Yesterday, the Bank of France cut its overnight repo rate — the rate at which it offers unlimited overnight borrowing to commercial banks — by 50 basis points to 25 per cent.

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Clinton may send special forces to arrest Aidid

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration is considering sending highly trained commandos into Somalia to hunt down General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive Somali warlord whom the US suspects of having orchestrated last Sunday's killing of four American soldiers, who died when their car hit a landmine.

A decision to send in the Army Special Forces, or to conduct "other creative military operations", would amount to a substantial increase in American involvement in Somalia, and a firm rebuttal to increasing calls on Mr Clinton to withdraw US troops altogether. David Shinn, the administration's special co-ordinator for Somalia, said that the option to send in special units will be considered as part of a review of US Somalia policy, which began after Sunday's killings.

In Somalia, UN forces killed seven Somali gunmen who shot at a surveillance helicopter, a UN spokesman said yesterday. For the third night running there were attacks on UN sites. Four mortars were fired at UN facilities and three outposts came under intense small-arms fire. There were no UN casualties reported.

Washington has yet to take a decision on the use of special forces, which officials describe as "an option". No numbers are being mentioned, but military experts suggest that a situation as complicated as that in Somalia would require the use of up to 1,000 special forces personnel. This would add to the 4,000 American troops who are currently stationed there.

Both President Clinton and General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have indicated that the killings will not go unpunished. So far eight American servicemen have been killed in Somalia since December last year, when President Bush sent in 25,000 US troops. This smaller US contingent was augmented into a UN force, which currently numbers 20,000.

Mr Shinn said he expects the UN operation in Somalia to have a civilian and maybe a military "presence" in the country beyond April 1995. He denied that Washington had decided to speed up the withdrawal of its forces.

It was not clear whether the commandos used to hunt down General Aidid would stem solely from the US military or whether special forces from other countries are to be drafted in. Mr Shinn said that it takes a "very specially trained kind of group" to enter a foreign country to "arrest and bring back, without a lot of bloodshed, someone who lives in that area originally".

Mr Shinn made it clear that the arrest of General Aidid is paramount, and until "that particular problem can be sorted out, we clearly have a major problem on our hands".

He conceded that the UN underestimated the ability of General Aidid to remain hidden and accepted that the fugitive general remains popular among many Somalis. "The public relations war up to this point has probably been won by Aidid," he said.

Powell: soldiers' deaths will not go unpunished

Kidnap tourists tell of Kurdish ordeal

BY ANDREW FINKEL IN ANKARA AND LOUISE HIDALGO

DAVID Rowbottom and his cousin Tania Miller, the cycling tourists abducted by Kurdish separatists in eastern Turkey, left Ankara last night for London. The two, both 23, arrived in the Turkish capital earlier from Van to enjoy their first day of freedom in five weeks.

They looked well scrubbed and were smiling after their ordeal in the wild. New clothes given them by consular officials concealed, they said, the flea bites and scratches of moving through rugged terrain in the dead of night and sheltering by day from Turkish aircraft attacking the Kurdish guerrilla positions.

After the first fright of being taken at gunpoint, the two believed assurances that they would be released soon. But Miss Miller described how their morale began to sink when promise after promise that they would be set free was broken. Mr Rowbottom said their attitude to their captors changed for the worse over the last few days of their imprisonment, but he was whisked away by British and Australian embassy personnel for medical checks before he could give details. The couple also cancelled a press conference planned for last evening.

A British official said the embassy was not yet pressing for details of the couple's ordeal since, although physically and mentally fit, they were obviously suffering the psychological impact of release which was often "worse than the days of captivity".

Mr Rowbottom, who comes from near Stockport, Greater Manchester, and Miss Miller, who has joint British and Australian nationality, appear to have passed on a fair amount of information about their captors to the Turkish authorities. They managed to trace a journey under captivity which ended not far from where they were initially seized, in Guroymak village close to Tatvan. This is also near to where four French tourists, similarly abducted, were released 24 hours earlier. The French, who flew to Paris yesterday, were also scratched and bruised.

Mr Rowbottom and Miss Miller said they survived on a diet of stale bread and cheese with the rare cheer of an occasional olive. Their only access to warm, but still basic, food was when they stayed overnight during their constant trek at one of the larger armed camps of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). On one of five such occasions they had to flee after minutes when the camp was bombed.

During the time they were held they were forced to walk the long distances from one guerrilla camp to another in the mountainous Tatvan region, always at night to avoid Turkish security forces. "When there was moonlight, the walks were easier, but without the moonlight we were working in the dark without knowing where we were heading," Mr Rowbottom said.

He added that the most frustrating part had been that few of their captors spoke English, and not knowing when they would be released.

The families of the two said yesterday that they were relieved and overjoyed by the news of their release. Alan Rowbottom, David's father, speaking from the family home in Stockport, said: "It is a great day and one we have dreamt of for five weeks. Now it has come it is a mixture of joy and disbelief. Once we get the results of the medical checks, and they appear fit and well, we will get them back as quick as we can."

Doreen Miller, who has spoken to her daughter twice by telephone since her release, said she had sounded "chirpy and happy, as always", adding: "There have been many champagne toasts to her freedom. Now we must wait and see what they plan to do next."

In London yesterday, the Foreign Office repeated its warning to British tourists not to travel to the southeast of Turkey. But a spokesman for the PKK in London reiterated the warning issued in June by Abdullah Ocalan, the party's leader, that tourists could become targets in other parts of Turkey as well. More than 350,000 Britons visited Turkey last year, and the number is expected to double this year.

Police in Istanbul said yesterday that they had detained 38 Kurdish militants suspected of plotting to set off bombs to mark the weekend anniversary of their nine-year-old insurgency. An unidentified attacker threw a grenade into an Istanbul restaurant crowded with foreign tourists on Tuesday night, but it failed to explode, the police said.

Liberty at last: David Rowbottom and Tania Miller yesterday after their release in Tatvan, southeast Turkey

NEWS IN BRIEF

PLO body to rule on peace delegates

Tunis: Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, has referred the resignations of three Palestinian peace negotiators to the PLO's executive committee, according to the Palestine Press Services.

It is the first time the PLO leader has spoken openly about the resignation threat by Faisal al-Husseini, leader of the team, Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswoman, and Saeb Erekat, a senior delegate.

Aides said the three were angry at the way the PLO leadership was managing peace talks with Israel. Mr Arafat had not decided whether to accept the resignations. He was unhappy that the threats had been leaked to the media instead of being discussed privately. *(Reuter)*

Kabul poll

Kabul: Afghanistan's divided leadership has agreed to hold internationally supervised elections this autumn, Sotirios Mousouris, the UN representative, also said that deposed President Najibullah is in serious condition and constant pain from kidney stones. *(AP)*

Ship barred

Dubai: Coastguards of the United Arab Emirates have prevented a Chinese vessel carrying banned chemicals destined for Iran from docking at one of its ports. The ship was reported to be in the eastern approaches to the Strait of Hormuz. *(Reuter)*

Diplomat freed

Nicosia: A Russian diplomat in Tehran was freed unharmed after Iranian anti-terrorist police shot and wounded a man who had held him hostage for less than a day. The man, a member of the outlawed communist party, was demanding asylum in Russia.

Love punished

Delhi: Villagers at Khandrawali, 155 miles west of here, watched silently as the uncle of a young man and his bride beheaded them with an axe for defying social norms. Satish, 21, had eloped with his niece Sarita, 20, in what the village considered incest. *(Reuter)*

Sudan famine fear as thousands flee from army attacks on rebels

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

■ Relief supplies to southern Sudan have been interrupted by a big offensive Khartoum has unleashed against John Garang's guerrilla faction

EXPLOITING divisions in the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, the Khartoum government has launched a massive assault on rebel areas in Western Equatoria province, causing tens of thousands of refugees to flee to Uganda.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said yesterday it had registered 12,500 Sudanese in north Uganda in the last few days, while other aid agencies said that at least as many were trying to escape government soldiers and were trapped in Sudan.

The village of Morobo, ten miles north of Kaya, a rebel-held town, has already fallen under Khartoum's drive which is aimed at wiping out the SPLA faction led by John Garang ahead of the rains expected next month. The attacks have disrupted relief operations in Western Equatoria, where hundreds of thousands of Sudanese are facing starvation.

"We have always used the roads leading north and west for the delivery of supplies to a needy population in northern towns and Western Equatoria and now that's going to be impossible," said Neil Turner, from the Save the Children Fund. The UN has appealed to the government to halt the offensive to allow relief operations to continue. "We are appealing to the Sudanese authorities on humanitarian grounds to suspend all military activities in the area," Panos Moumtsis, the UN refugees spokesman, said.

Similar appeals have fallen of deaf ears for some months. Before the latest offensive the International Committee of the Red Cross had asked for permission to launch a giant emergency feeding programme in Sudan similar to the £130 million operation it ran last year in Somalia. The government agreed, but so far the military authorities have refused permission for the ICRC to fly to staving areas.

Estimates of deaths in southern Sudan this year vary, but relief agencies said that they thought about 500,000 people have already perished. Last year 350,000 Somalis died of starvation, which prompted multi-national military intervention to end protection rackets run by warlords. The US State Department has been anxious to set up "safe havens" in the Sudan so that civilians could be fed and kept safe from the warring factions of the SPLA and the government army.

However, since the clashes between UN forces and gunmen in Mogadishu, in the latest of which seven Somalis dies yesterday, the safe haven idea has been "put on hold", according to diplomats in Nairobi.

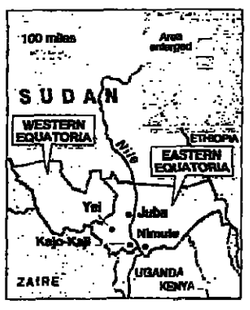
The charity Africa Action in Need used to send between 35 and 40 tonnes daily to 70,000 displaced people in towns throughout Western Equatoria. "Now we can't bring any more supplies to Western Equatoria, putting a total population of about 750,000 at great risk of starvation," said Michael Semler, the charity's director.

Rebel SPLA officers say that relief groups can expect to see mass starvation throughout Western Equatoria and say the fighting will displace many more people. "The government refuses to make any distinction between the civilians, including women and children, and the military in the region," said George Garang Deng, the SPLA spokesman based in Narobi.

The SPLA has also been accused of widespread atrocities against women and children.

Most of southern Sudan has been depopulated because of the fighting. Relief agencies said that most of the 4.5 million people are now refugees either inside Sudan or in neighbouring countries as a result of the war between the Muslim north and the Christian or animist south. The Lutheran World Federation had been running 400-tonne vehicle convoys of sorghum, beans, oil and maize from Uganda into Western Equatoria every week for more than a year.

The only other route open to the agencies is through Zaire, but the east of that country has recently been the scene of ethnic warfare in which at least 3,500 people have died in the last month.



Buthelezi condemns joint security plan

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN IN THOKOZA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), toured strife-torn Thokoza township and neighbouring Kaulehong yesterday to inspect the damage done in the conflict between Inkatha and the African National Congress.

As he passed two houses still burning after a night of violence, he told supporters living in the nearby Kwesine hostel that he was appalled by what he saw. He did not believe that free and fair elections could be held in such circumstances.

Chief Buthelezi was protected by three police armoured personnel carriers while two helicopters circled overhead. Later, addressing a crowd of 2,000 outside the civic centre, he appealed for peace between his followers and the ANC. "I say to IFP members and to IFP supporters that they must find common cause with ANC members and ANC supporters. Let the agreements we made with [Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader] be implemented. Let the people tell the political leadership that enough is enough. How can African people do what they are doing to each other?"

Dr Buthelezi spoke vehemently of the threat to peace posed by Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the ANC's armed wing. Breaking into English in the middle of a long address in Zulu, he called again for its disbandment. "I warn the South African government, and I warn the whole world at large, that the absorption of MK into a so-called multi-party peacekeeping force [proposed by the ANC] is a prescription for total disaster."

Chief Buthelezi accused the government of failing to deal with the problem. "MK is made up of people who are not only trained to fight, they are trained to sabotage, to kill ordinary people, to kill civilians, to put bombs into discos, to bring death to street corners by placing bombs in rubbish bins, and to kill the innocent as well as the enemy," he said.

Chief Buthelezi's visit to the townships came just after a similar visit by Mr Mandela. There had been hopes that the two men would make a joint visit as a sign of solidarity against violence but this was called off.

Also yesterday Mr Mandela told Zulu listeners to state-controlled radio that "white oppressors" and the police were to blame for the township bloodshed. "The carnage is the continuation of the old policy of white supremacy, a total strategy," he said.

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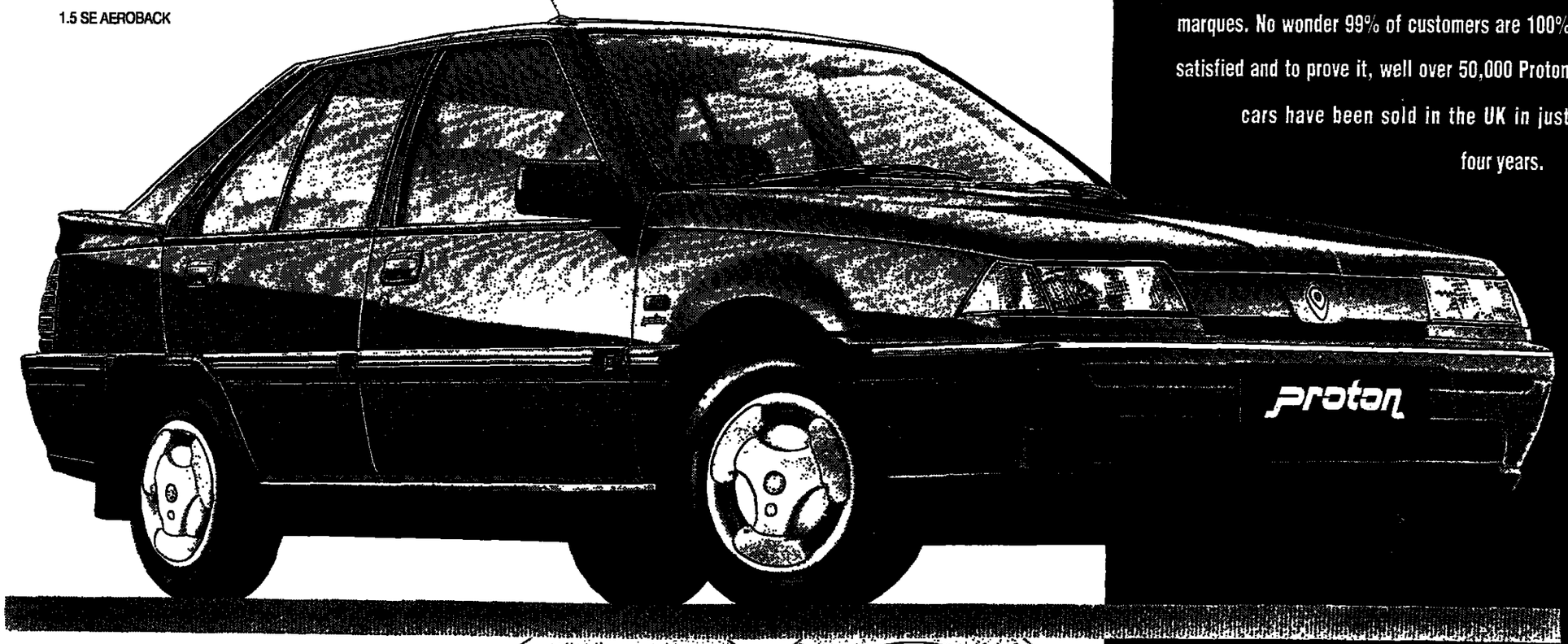

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Pontiff expected to confront US president in Colorado on moral agenda

Pope takes message to the young at Catholic Woodstock

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN DENVER, COLORADO

WHEN the Pope arrives in Denver today, at the start of a four-day celebration of youth, he will be greeted by hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic young Roman Catholics, but also by a church that is bitterly divided over the pontiff's stance on issues such as contraception, abortion and the ordination of women.

Immediately after he touches down, the Pope will meet President Clinton for the first time for a private, 45-minute talk in which they are expected to discuss world problems such as the war in Bosnia. In other respects, the two men may find they have little in common, given Mr Clinton's vocal support for feminists, gay rights and abortion.

Many traditional American Catholics are still fuming at the President's nomination of Dr Jocelyn Elders as surgeon-general, who last year attacked the anti-abortion lobby as the work of "a celibate, male-dominated church" in the midst of "a love affair with the foetus".

Long before setting out from Rome, the Pope made it clear he did not intend to dilute his conservative message, either in private with the president or during the series of public engagements planned for the coming days. "In Denver we are going to celebrate life, the value of life, the beauty and joy of life," he said. "It is not possible that science can on the one hand save lives and then be an accomplice in their destruction."

With the Clinton health care package looming, the Pope reportedly feels a "moral obligation" to restate the Vatican view on abortion to the president himself.

This will be the Pope's third visit to America, his shortest (taking place exclusively in Colorado) and, with doubts surrounding the health of the 73-year-old pope, many American Catholics expect it may well be his last. Yesterday, the Pope arrived in Mérida, Mexico, for his first visit to the country since the Vatican and the Mexican government resumed diplomatic ties last year.

America represents a core constituency for the Catholic church and a crucial testing-ground for the modern faith. A quarter of the American population, 59 million people, are Catholic. These provide more than a third of the Vatican's $178 million (£120 million) annual budget, and more than half the money needed to sustain Catholic missions around the world.

The Pope's advisers have intimated that his American visit will be used as an opportunity to bolster the Vatican's traditionalist stance, to recruit and encourage young believers and to restate the Pope's position on sexual behaviour, in advance of the forthcoming encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* (the splendour of truth).

Elders: appointment outraged traditionalists

Child care: the Pope blesses children through a fence in a stadium in Kingston, Jamaica, before leaving for Mexico

However, according to a poll released this week, 79 per cent of American Catholics say they follow their own consciences rather than Vatican dogma on questions of morality: 84 per cent reject the papal ban on birth control; 76 per cent favour permitting priests to marry; 63 per cent would allow women to be ordained and, perhaps most remarkably, 58 per cent disagreed with the papal ban on all abortions.

In the past ten years the number of Americans who consider themselves Catholics has remained steady, but the proportion of these attending Mass on a regular basis has declined sharply. When John Paul II first visited America in 1979, an estimated 2.4 million people turned out in Boston to see him; in 1987, when he toured the south and west of the country, the crowds were notably smaller. Organisers optimistically predict that as many as half a million people could turn out to a public open-air Mass just outside Denver on Sunday.

This week's celebrations have been billed by organisers as a "Catholic Woodstock", complete with a camping trip, music, movies and an overnight vigil. "Youth" is here defined as people between 13 and 39 and the population of Denver is expected to double for the week.

While debate over Catholic dogma continues to ferment, the Pope still enjoys the sort of celebrity status in America reserved for Hollywood actors. While many Catholics may question his edicts, 73 per cent, according to the latest poll, approve of the way he handles his role.

At least 170,000 young Catholics from 70 countries have travelled to Denver for World Youth Day 1993.

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Castro nicked by Steel attack

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

PRESIDENT Castro of Cuba returned to Havana yesterday after a week-long Latin American trip with a flea in his ear from Sir David Steel and barely enough fuel to get home.

Before returning, Dr Castro took a surprise detour to Colombia to visit Gabriel García Márquez, the novelist and long-time friend, and to hold "serious talks" with President Gaviria of Colombia and Javier Solana, the Spanish foreign minister, about economic and political reforms in Cuba.

Dr Castro found himself almost stranded in Cartagena after petrol companies refused to refuel his two planes. His critics were cheered by a full-page advertisement in the Colombian daily *El Tiempo*, signed by foreign politicians including Sir David Steel, the former British Liberal party leader, urging him to stop "forcing Cubans to make the sad choice between Marxism-Leninism and death". Another paper published an open letter to him from 250 Spanish and Latin American MPs calling for his resignation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Clinton toughens gun laws

Washington: President Clinton has introduced a tough new anti-crime package promising more police, gun-control laws and an extension of the federal death penalty (Wolfgang Münchau writes).

The package includes $3.4 billion (£2.3 billion) for 50,000 of the 100,000 extra police officers he promised in his campaign, while the most controversial element will be the imposition of a five-day waiting period for the purchase of handguns, to permit checks into the buyer's background, and a ban on assault weapons.

Penalties for gun offences will be tightened, as will be the licensing rules for gun dealers.

Russians held

Dushanbe: Islamic guerrillas captured four Russian border guards and a Kazakh officer in a remote Tajikistan region and took them to Afghanistan, officials said. *(AP)*

Women lead

Nicosia: The Iranian opposition group, the Mujahidin Khalq, said it had chosen an all-women council to lead its fight to overthrow the Iranian government. *(Reuter)*

Spy enquiry

Tbilisi: Eldar Gogoladze, Georgia's head of security, has been suspended pending an investigation into the shooting of Fred Woodruff, an identified CIA agent. *(AP)*

Navel embargo

Perth: Officials have told a restaurant to use plates, and not topless waitresses, to serve dessert, after inviting diners to eat fruit salad and cream off a girl's stomach. *(Reuter)*

Officials criticised for suicide note delay

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

ROBERT Langston, chief of the US Park Police, who investigated the death of Vincent Foster, President Clinton's former legal counsellor who shot himself last month, has criticised the White House for its delay in handing over a suicide note.

Mr Foster was found dead in a park outside Washington on the evening of July 20, after having shot himself in the mouth with a 1913 Army Colt .38 calibre revolver which had belonged to his father. Several questions surrounding his death remain unanswered, such as the precise timing of the suicide.

Mr Foster wrote his comments some time before his death, possibly up to ten days earlier.

The note was made available to journalists in typescript form and not in its originally handwriting in order not to upset the family. It was not discovered during an initial search on July 22, but four days later, when an aide discovered the unsigned note, torn into 27 pieces.

Responding to criticism that it had not made the note available to investigators for 30 hours after it was found, the White House said that it first wanted to contact Mr Foster's wife, Lisa, and President Clinton.

Mr Langston said his officers "certainly weren't pleased" about the delay. "Our investigators would have liked to have seen that briefcase and would have liked to have examined the contents of it," he said, a view shared by shared by Robert Bryant, head of the FBI's Washington field office.

Minister weighs in on sexist sumos

FROM HUGH LEVINSON IN TOKYO

TWO days into her job, Ryoko Akamatsu, the Japanese education minister, has picked a fight with the ultra-conservative Sumo Association for excluding women from the committee that chooses the sport's grand champions.

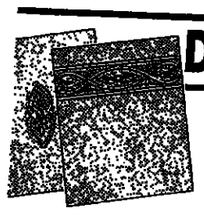
"Times are changing," she said, adding that the association's stance is "problematic". That amounts to strong criticism in Japan. This relative outspokenness is a reflection of the change of style in the recently elected Japanese government.

"If I meet the executives of the Sumo Association, I'll have a word or two to say to them about this," Mrs Akamatsu said.

The question of choosing a grand champion, or *yokozuna*, is among the most sensitive in Japanese sport. The committee was accused of discrimination last year when it refused to elevate the then front runner, Konishiki, a Hawaiian, to the highest rank. One council member complained about the sport being "flooded" with foreigners.

Women are only allowed to compete in amateur rankings and at the professional level they are not even allowed to set foot in the *dohyo*, the sacred ring in which the wrestlers grapple, out of fear that they will defile it or bring bad luck.

Dewanoumi, the association's chairman and a former *yokozuna*, has responded to Mrs Akamatsu's comments by reaffirming the ban on women in the ring, while adding that women can join the committee. "We haven't shut women out. We just couldn't find a suitable person," he said.



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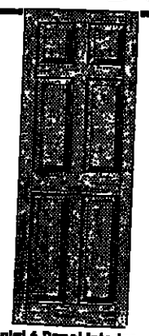

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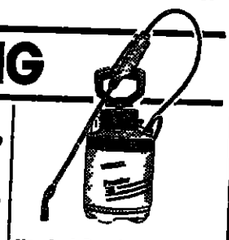

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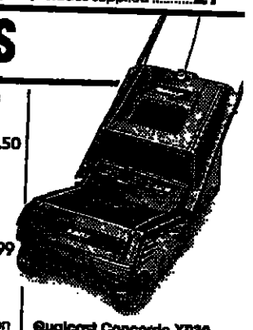

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Is the high road to Edinburgh a route to fame for the young? **Alice Thomson** and **George Osborne** report

The biggest annual audition in the world

Now that the right-on Ben Elton and Stephen Fry are about as funny as tofu, the time may be ripe for a couple of girls from Surrey who do a fair imitation of Tweedledum and Tweedledee

The first day of the unofficial start of the Edinburgh Fringe and the pink carpeted floors of the genteel Overseas House club were covered with luvvies.

Upstairs in the tea-room, a callow youth from Oxford was wandering around with goatee beard, white tights and knickerbockers looking for *Shakespeare for Breakfast*. The floppy-hatted girl from Festival Flats was negotiating over the last bit of floor space and a group of Ukrainian actors were frantically pursuing their translator.

Downstairs, the first performance of *The Naked Brunch* was about to take place in a converted library. An aubergine-haired Mel in voluminous tartan coat and blood-red trousers was teetering on the step ladder trying to organise the spot lights.

"Is this *Coriolanus*?" asked a technician in a black T-shirt with Ned's Atomic Dustbin on the back. "No, we are the Farce Kittens, this is a two-woman situation comedy." Mel Giedroyc says severely. A soaked Sue Perkins comes in, chewing gum. "They are in danger of selling out *Shakespeare for Breakfast* upstairs, it's so depressing. I feel sick," she says and exits. The loos are blocked for the next half hour.

Then it is time for a prop check. Duvets, pillows, dish rags, giant salad servers, anoraks, metal bras, net curtains, swimming goggles, a half-eaten croissant — all the paraphernalia of suburban life. "I want to go to your death scene," Mel says. "No, we have got to find the banana and rubber gloves first, they are vital."

Tricky what makes us laugh. One minute it's the likes of Ben Elton, Stephen Fry and anything to do with the Young Ones and the next minute all that right-on politically sound stuff seems about as funny as tofu. At the moment stand-up comedy is a greater phenomenon than the pop group Suede. We just can't seem to get enough of it — even the quick-fire gags of the old music hall comedians.

There may be no room for faint hearts, sensitive nerves or delusions of grandeur but there are plenty of opportunities for the young and talented to make wadges of tenners in comedy clubs and pack out concert tours. Jo Brand, a roly poly former nurse, Ardela Jones, an Edinburgh Fringe award winner, the older Roy "Chubby" Brown and the 225lb Texan belle Thea Vidale (The Chocolate Kiss who reduced Clive Anderson to a quaking jelly) have all proved they have more pulling power than the flagging protégés of Stock, Aitken and Waterman. Jack Dee, Frank Skinner and Sean Hughes all have fledgling cult followings and the skirted Eddie Izzard can compete with Andrew Lloyd Webber.

But the money to be made on the comedy circuit is a lot of mushy muesli compared to the breaks you can get at the Edinburgh Fringe — the largest annual audition in the world. Here among the UK bungee jumping, the Zimbabwean jivers, a docu-drama on the Supremes, tartan knickers and plastic sporrans is where you can really make the contacts and get your breaks.

> 'I think I do stand-up because it scares me and it's cheaper than drugs. It is exhilarating'

There are television companies, organisers of international festivals and agents for large domestic venues. If you are very lucky, you might end up like French and Saunders with a £2 million contract with the BBC. As yet, Mel Giedroyc, 25, and Sue Perkins, 23, are just adolescent pimples on the face of British comedy.

By 10am there is an audience of two German tourists, a love-sick couple, two pensioners and me. As a life-long Laurel and Hardy cringer I pray no one is going to be too humiliated and it is not going to involve audience participation.

But the show is slick and fast and totally professional once they have found the right soundtrack. East German shotputters, Harvard post-feminists, fascist PE teachers, The Nordic Haemorrhoids, Pam Eyres and Jodie Foster whizzed past. We move from athlete's foot to halitosis to the Puffin book club and synchronised swimming.

Two middle-aged, middle-class crusties in headscarves head for a rave. "I can already smell the Kathmandu hotpot and the tang of the mediloos. This is it. How can you put a bar-code on a stream?" they say as they accost a policeman.

They are not hysterical, crude or particularly satirical. They rely more on free-flowing charm than vicious wit and a cosy sense of intimacy: the humour of group therapy and shared embarrassment. Their lank hair flying, they do a few neat pelvic thrusts and their lips sometimes shoot into their eyebrows.

"It didn't go great but we got away with it," they say, hugging each other as the lights come up. We go off to the bar, towing along a six-month-old screaming baby belonging to an actress in the next play, *8 Million Quid is Small Potatoes*. Two old men from the club are trying to read the newspapers. "Pandemonium today, this fuss will last all fortnight," fumed one as we began the interview.

"Being white and middle-class is useless if you are a comedian," the comic Eddie Izzard once said. Mel and Sue disagree. From Purley and Leatherhead, they met in the Cambridge University Footlights and have gone on to work for BBC Radio 4 *Week Ending* and have been commissioned to develop a sitcom for Channel 4 — not bad, they admit, for Surrey girls.

"I told a joke on a *Magpie* programme when I was seven," Mel says. 'What do you get if you cross an elephant with a kangaroo? A whole lot of holes in Australia.' It panned terribly. I cried all the way home but I knew it was what I wanted to do." "I just used to drop my pants every time my father got the cine camera out, we were both terrible showoffs," Sue says. "Women can be as funny as men but it's not as done to pull faces."

Why did they both decide to go for comedy — normally a fairly mortifying experience — when they could have opted for straight acting, journalism of script writing? "Comedy is much more challenging structurally," Sue says. "You have to organise jokes, visual gags and pauses." (They talk like Tweedledee and Tweedledum, one after the other in rapid bursts).

"To be honest," interrupts Mel. "it's because we are no Desdemonas or Ophelias. We aren't willowy, enigmatic or coy and we can't swoon. So from an early age we got into gagging and playing to the gallery. I only hope we don't swell too large."

She retreats into the sofa and Sue takes over. "I think I do stand-up because it scares me and it's cheaper than drugs. It is exhilarating seeing how fast your brain can function. I love women who have no fear."

Mel sees herself as more of a New Age Lesley Judd and was lured into comedy as a *Carry On* fanatic. Sue cites Penelope Keith as her influence and is particularly partial to county lady accents. Neither can stop impersonating Emma Thompson.

Financially they have not yet started to impersonate the big stars. "We don't have regular money and my parents are worried I will never move out." Sue says. Mel is doing a television director's course and makes money with her enterprise Ham Decorators "guaranteed to bungle". Sue writes and they are both adamant they will stick together through fat and thin.

When they get depressed they play at being film producers Joel and Ethan Cohen, of *Barton Fink* fame, who wear beige tanktops and take themselves terribly seriously.

"Alternative comedy has exploded so much it's not a cosy little world of Oxbridge undergraduates any more," Sue says. "It's mainstream, tough and we know it. But Edinburgh is exciting because we will see all the stars strutting around from afar. We are the B-team here. The ones who come up by coach, sleep on a floor and operate out of plastic bags. We have the cheapest slot in the day and it still costs us £850. But we aren't expecting anything, except to have a good time."

With that, they are off to leaflet the cobbled roads of Edinburgh. They would like to spend their nights partying and tripping. "We would love to be Janis Joplin but we are more likely to be sitting in bed watching *Prisoner: Cell Block H* with our chocolate," Mel says.

"Oh, and we would like to thank our parents for everything they have done, our brothers and sisters, the cast, our colleges . . ." they say this smoothly enough to know that they might just have been practising. After all, the fringe launched Rowan, Jacobi and Stoppard *and* Emma Thompson.

● *The Times* will provide extensive coverage of the festival. Benedict Nightingale reviews drama, Geoff Brown writes on the film festival, Richard Morrison tunes in to operas old and new, and (tomorrow) John Russell Taylor picks out the plums from the exhibitions.

TOM KIDD

Double act: Mel Giedroyc (left) and Sue Perkins . . . looking for the contacts and the big breaks

FRINGE ATTRACTION

"I'd like to do what Branagh's doing, only bigger. I'd like to be the best actor ever." Liam Sheehan, 21, is ambitious, and not ashamed to admit it. "I think it's important to aim high, then you're always waiting for the big break just around the corner. It keeps driving you on." Next week, Sheehan will be at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe appearing as Benedick in a production of *Much Ado About Nothing* by the LOST Youth Theatre Company, a London-based repertory group for would-be professional actors and directors.

Sheehan sees the fringe as an opportunity to catch the eye of a casting director from one of the big professional companies. He says: "I'm unmitigated in my assault on Edinburgh. I walk up to people and say 'have you seen my show yet?' You need to grab their attention, so that they say, 'OK, lets see if you're as good as you say you are'. You have to make your own luck at the fringe."

The administrator of the fringe office, Mhairi MacKenzie-Robinson, says: "All the major papers are here, all the major television companies are here, directors of festivals around the world arrive in the city looking for new talent. If the quality of student productions is excellent, then it will be recognised."

This impression of the fringe as a giant job market is reinforced by the advent of awards such as the Perrier Pick of the Fringe and the Fringe Firsts, which offer successful productions a run at a coveted fringe venue, such as the Assembly Rooms, and a run in the West End.

Tim Cunningham, former-president of the Oxford University Drama Society (OUDS), remains phlegmatic about the possibility of being discovered, and believes the fringe has more to offer: "It's getting to do your play the way you want to do it, and throwing that open to a wider audience."

Cunningham believes getting a break at the fringe is largely a matter of luck: "It's just somebody seeing your production and saying 'why don't you be assistant director on my new show?' Obviously it helps to be bloody good as well."

Katherine Mendelsohn, an Oxford graduate who is directing her own adaptation of *The Little Prince*, hopes one day to be an artistic director, commissioning work and signing directors for a big company. However, she does not expect to be catapulted to overnight success at the fringe: "That sort of thing only happens in *42nd Street*, where the chorus girl goes from rags to riches. To succeed in the theatre, you've got to have a lot of drive and you've got to keep bouncing back."

Nick Morton, who plays Piers Gaveston in a radical production of *Edward II*, believes the days are gone when aspring actors from Oxford and Cambridge could walk straight into professional theatre. "We no longer have any right to believe that Oxbridge drama is the best student drama in the country and so we have to be that much better."

He hopes to make a career as an actor, but remains pessimistic: "I think a career as a waiter is probably more realistic."

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A shed filled with controversy

Why politicians should never chase headlines, but always record the news before they go to bed

TONY BENN

MY FATHER, who was first elected as an MP in 1906, had his parliamentary and political office in the basement at home, and every day from the early 1920s until his death in 1960 he bought three copies of the Royal edition of *The Times*, because they did not yellow with age.

One copy was for the use of the family and the other two he read, marked with a decimal numbering system he had devised to cover all his political interests, and then, using two guillotines he had installed for cutting the columns to size, the cuttings went over sticky rollers and were ready to go into books, so that by lunch-time every day his files were completely up-to-date and ready to use.

He had a contempt for politicians who lived on the headlines that had appeared that day, and then moved on to tomorrow's headlines without trying to follow the course of events with a proper historical perspective.

He knew the background of every issue in which he was interested and his support for the causes in which he believed was greatly strengthened by his hours of study, backed up by his diary.

Unhappily there was a serious fire in our house during the Blitz on London, though the cause of it was not the Luftwaffe but defects in the amateur wiring that my brother and I had undertaken at my father's request to power the electric appliances he used for his office work.

After his death, his papers were taken to the Record Office at Westminster where the archivists have done a marvellous job of restoration and they are now available for students to use.

As a child, I was allowed to help my father in his office and so it is perhaps not surprising that I, too, should have collected papers and records from my earliest childhood and begun a diary when I was nine years old.

That complete diary — with a few gaps — now runs into many millions of words, including 40 manuscript notebooks written during the war, some of it in code as servicemen were not allowed to keep diaries.

I soon learnt that the most interesting people I have ever heard from come up for a talk on a train, or on the street, or write because they have something they want to tell you. It is a great mistake to suppose that only powerful or famous people are worth listening to, for the corridors of power have more than their fair share of bores.

THOSE who may be thinking of starting this sort of diary need to be warned that it adds at least an hour — and sometimes more — to each working day and imposes a severe discipline when, perhaps in the early hours of the morning, it is tempting to leave it over until tomorrow (as I have done myself occasionally), but that is always a mistake.

Once in Tokyo, after flying from London and attending a conference, I went to sleep during the dictation of my diary and woke up to find that the tape had run to the end and the recorder had switched itself off. I had to rewind it to find the moment when I had gone under, and start all over again.

Experience is the only real teacher and if you always make a note of what has been said, as for example in Cabinet, and then dictate it immediately afterwards, or before going to bed, you have a far better chance of understanding what really happened. Diaries read many year later may give you a completely different insight, which is their real value.

They also act as an index to all the associated files, tapes, photographs, press reports and now even floppy discs and videos which I have collected and store in seven sheds, so that any day can be recalled and studied in immense detail, or areas of policy can be reviewed over many years.

DIARIES are not journalism because they may never be published, they are not history because they are not comprehensive, and they are quite different from political memoirs in which mistakes are forgotten and supposed triumphs are recounted and may be embellished.

People, from all over this country, and indeed from all over the world, have consulted these diaries and papers to help with their own books and projects.

I never thought that I would ever be able to publish my diaries in my own lifetime, but on my sixtieth birthday I asked for, and received, a grant from the Rowntree Trust which paid for the transcription of some of the tapes, so I could look at them without committing myself to a publisher.

It was then that I realised that there was no reason why they should not be published and that, if people could know of the experiences which had formed my opinions, they would at least understand the reasons for my views and some might even agree.

The one undefended frontier of the British establishment is the recent past, when the newspapers have forgotten the old controversies and the historians have not started to freeze them into the official version, both with their own favourite list of heroes and villains.

In that sense it was a conscious political act to publish. Ruth Winstone, who has managed the whole project and edited five volumes so far, has done a magnificent job in picking out the highlights for publication without destroying the balance of the whole or removing the many mistakes which I have made through my political life — the inclusion of which has given credibility to the books.

The next volume, due out in 1994, will cover the years from 1940 to 1962. There may be others after that based upon the tapes which I am still painfully recording, night after night, when I would rather be in bed.

I am grateful to the British Library, which has agreed to take all this when I die. The only condition that I am making is that these archives should be open to anyone who wants to use them, and not be confined to academics doing post-doctoral research, for it was the Labour movement that gave me this supreme opportunity to work in politics and it should have the first claim on them.

I should add that all my family are archivists, too, and my grandchildren have each got their own files which they fill with their work, and which are always waiting for them when they come to help me in my basement office.

'Famous people are not always worth listening to — the powerful can frequently be bores'

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

JANE was such an old friend of the genito-urinary medical clinic that she remembered it when it was known as the VD clinic. Over the years we had time to share the problems she suffered as a result of the behaviour of her errant boyfriends, as her troubles usually responded to standard remedies.

It was therefore surprising when she started to suffer from recurrent thrush; her condition did not even improve for any length of time after she was prescribed the then new and expensive oral anti-thrush preparations. All the occasional causes of recurrent thrush were investigated: Jane was not diabetic: zinc supplements did not help: but she was a bit anaemic and complained of being perpetually tired.

She was sent off to the haematologists to have her anaemia investigated, and they found that she had a slightly enlarged spleen, a low white blood cell count. Abnormal lymphocytes were later discovered in tissue taken by bone marrow biopsy.

The appearance of the lymphocytes was characterised by prominent cytoplasmic projections, villi or "hairs". These are the cells characteristic of a rare form of chronic leukaemia, hairy cell leukaemia, which accounts for 2 per cent of all cases of leukaemia. Hairy cell leukaemia is sometimes diagnosed by chance but more often, as in Jane's case, the patient had been suffering from recurrent minor infections, is anaemic and has a low white blood cell count, in particular a greatly reduced number of one type of white cell, the monocyte.

The spleen is usually enlarged, occasionally grossly, and the liver may be slightly bigger than usual. The diagnosis is confirmed by finding the hairy cells either on a blood film, or from bone marrow biopsy. Jane's case was only unusual in that she was a woman: it is four times more common in men.

The only treatment in the past for hairy cell leukaemia was removal of the spleen, which cured 10 per cent of cases, but the others, as in Jane's instance, relapse. Usually, the disease was fatal.

In 1984 alpha interferon was first used to treat the disease. The drug is effective in clearing the leukaemic cells from the bloodstream, but does not eradicate the malignancy from the bone marrow. But it came in time to save Jane's life. Eighty per cent of patients respond favourably to a year's course of alpha interferon, less than half of these go into complete remission and most will need further courses of therapy.

Although the outlook for patients with hairy cell leukaemia improved enormously with the introduction of alpha interferon, it was not the answer to their problems. However, over the last five years another drug, Nipent pentostatin, has been undergoing a trial. The team working with Daniel Catovsky, professor of haematology at the Institute of Cancer Research and honorary physician to the Royal Marsden Hospital, has treated 110 patients.

Cutting problem: gardeners are at greatest risk from tetanus

Ninety-seven per cent had a favourable response and 75 per cent a complete remission: these patients are still symptom-free four years after finishing their four-month course of treatment.

"When one considers that only a few years ago the disease was fatal, this is a remarkable improvement," Professor Catovsky says. Recently, Nipent has been licensed as a drug of first choice for the treatment of hairy cell leukaemia. As for Jane, she is still symptom-free, very happy and now has a most amusing, and faithful, regular partner.

Old problem

THE PATTERN of diseases change. It is now, it seems, old age pensioners tending their roses who are most at risk of tetanus, rather than young soldiers on active service.

The Army has been immunising its troops against tetanus for 55 years, and since the early 1950s, all children have been inoculated against it, too. Holidaymakers travelling further afield are often advised to have a booster, as are those people who may suffer crash injuries at work, or have contact with the land.

Tetanus spores remain viable for many years in soil which has been contaminated by animal dung, so even if a farmer now uses chemical fertilisers, the loads of muck his ancestors spread on fields had scattered disease bearing spores far and wide.

General Practitioner magazine warns doctors that they must ensure that their over-65s are immunised against tetanus: many never served in the forces and are too old to have been inoculated in childhood, but they now spend their retirement tending their gardens on which well-rotted manure has been liberally applied for generations. Even a casual injury can result in tetanus and over the past four years more than half the 126 recorded cases have been among the over-65s.

Profitless pills

LEDERLE and Warner Lambert, the pharmaceutical firms, could never have hoped to make much, if any, profit out of research in hairy cell leukaemia. The benefits of their work was essentially for patients rather than shareholders.

On the other hand, Rhône-Poulenc Rorer must have thought that they were on to a winner when their scientists formulated Zimovane zopiclone, the first member of a chemically new class of sleeping pills. Zimovane will enable an insomniac to have a good night's sleep, and the manufacturers claimed that it had far fewer side effects than the benzodiazepines it hoped it would replace. These hopes were dashed when the British government threatened to include Zimovane among its blacklist of drugs considered too expensive for routine health service prescriptions: accountants, as well as doctors, now determine treatment.

After months of negotiation the government has accepted the clinical value of Zimovane, which is the only modern non-benzodiazepine hypnotic available in Britain. Government and manufacturers have agreed a price which, unless the drug is widely used, will not enable the manufacturers to recoup research costs, though as a result of the agreement doctors will be able to prescribe Zimovane on the NHS.

The ministers' victory may be Pyrrhic. Rhône-Poulenc is reconsidering its research and development programme and cutting back on its interest in sleep disorders. The government stand, it claims, will have vast ramifications in its industry, which is a leading export earner.

Can psychiatrists ever help to catch killers?

Mental profiles of criminals owe more to detective novels than real police work, **Simon Wessely** writes

Psychologists have a long-standing role in the criminal process, helping courts in evaluating the reliability of testimony, or helping witnesses to recall half-forgotten memories. But recently psychologists have become more directly involved in catching criminals by using what is known as "offender profiling".

The idea is not new — a psychologist produced profiles of Adolf Hitler during the war, and another took part in the hunt for the Boston Strangler. But it has now captured the public imagination and is soon to receive the ultimate accolade: Robbie Coltrane will play a police psychologist in *Cracker*, a new television series this autumn.

Offender profiling is based on the theory that criminals leave not only forensic clues, such as fingerprints, but behavioural clues. The way in which a crime has been committed can be analysed in relation to known behavioural patterns of similar offenders.

Using this method, a description — or profile — of the perpetrator's probable characteristics can be assembled.

In Britain, Professor David Canter of the University of Surrey, is the principal exponent of profiling, particularly since publicity he attracted for helping the police to catch John Duffy, who had been dubbed the "Railway Murderer". Despite this success, the usefulness of psychological profiles is still not established.

When psychiatrists are asked to assess the motives of an offender in custody, they can draw on a detailed interview with the suspect, discussions with relatives and school, hospital and social service records. Even then, assessing and interpreting motive is not easy.

The profiler is being asked to carry out a more difficult job in which the prime source of information (the offender) is usually unavailable. Everything depends on the accuracy of the data recorded by the police at the crime scene, and on witness testimony. Both are notoriously fallible.

Profiling is also of most use if the offender has not only a criminal record, but also other more detailed information on file. If the perpetrator has no record, the task is almost impossible. It is no use the psychologist reporting that 'the possible criminal is male, tall, single, violent and living in south London, unless that data can be linked to known criminals on file.

Series thriller: Coltrane plays a police psychologist

Neither can profiling be used to secure a conviction. No matter how brilliant the psychological detail, it can never replace normal police work — nor, to be fair, is that intended.

A more fundamental problem lies in the nature of psychological research itself, and the role of probability. Profiling is little more than the assembling of a database, and then, after statistical manoeuvres, the production of a list of probable characteristics that seem to go together. A 66 per cent chance that an offender has a certain attribute means there is a 33 per cent chance that he does not. There is thus a danger that the occasional investigation will be not helped, but misled. The ordeal of the six wrongly convicted of the Birmingham pub bombings began when they tested positive for explosives. What was forgotten was that the test indicated only an increased probability of handling explosives. The police, given what they were told was objective scientific evidence, were then convinced that they had the criminals, with tragic consequences.

There is a danger that offender profiling will possess some of the aura of laboratory scientific evidence, which can itself err. In practice, offender profiling hovers uneasily between statistical inference and common sense.

One paper on profiling rapists noted that most operate in a familiar neighbourhood, and do not travel long distances to commit their crimes, presumably because they need to be familiar with the terrain and possible escape routes. The type of victim chosen may have some psychological links with someone important in the rapist's past. Both seem plausible, but hardly profound. Profiling research also suggests that rapists who force their victims to wash themselves after the attack may have some familiarity with forensic methods, and hence may have a police record.

In the Duffy case, Professor Canter suggested that the criminal may have had a background in martial arts, inferred from the manner in which he tied up his victims. He was correct — but was this based on statistical or psychological research?

Psychological research is valuable to the police. A detailed study of jailed rapists, carried out by Don Grubin and John Gunn, of the Institute of Psychiatry, involved interviews, psychological tests and extensive record searches. The results challenged many stereotypes. Rapists are not sex-starved lone males — most were involved in relationships with women when they offended. The results should be, and are, part of police training. They can also be fed into the computers used in major enquiries. But the research provides only general pointers and probabilities, and cannot be extrapolated to specific unsolved cases.

There are other reasons why profiling may work. Psychologists are called in for complex, unsolved enquiries, usually those in the public eye. The simple act of obtaining advice from a well-informed professional may help the police to take a fresh look at information they already have.

Lucy Taylor, of the Institute of Criminology, has suggested another benefit. As any psychologist or psychiatrist knows from personal experience, a big section of the public continues to believe that such people possess mystical abilities, such as being able to read the minds of others.

Overall, profiling owes more to a literary, not academic, source. I have not seen Mr Coltrane's performance as a police psychologist. However, I predict his character will have certain features. He will possess a broad knowledge and intuition. He will also have some character eccentricities, some unusual talents, and may not be the easiest of fellows. He will always get his man.

This is not a profile of any psychologist I know, but of the real father of offender profiling — Sherlock Holmes.

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Many hands make lights work: Corinne Calvet, the French star of the smoking-friendly 1950s, typifies the glamour once associated with the habit

Tobacco's silver screen sex appeal

A call for smoking on screen to be banned smacks of pointless censorship

Of all the props in movie history, few have merited an Oscar more than the cigarette. Many's the time the curling wisps of smoke and the seductively angled Marlboro have played the real actors off the set. *Casablanca* without cigarettes would be gin without tonic, ice, *or* lemon.

Let's hear a mention, too, for the cigar, chomped by a thousand movie villains basing their performances none-too-subtly on the black-hearted producers from head office. The pipe, puffed Maigret-style, has always breathed a reassuring, middle-class solidity.

The Health Education Authority would like to put an end to all this. The use of smoking in movies, it says in a report published this week, continues to convey a positive image, ignoring the acknowledged horrors of the habit: cancer, heart disease and dirty ashtrays.

The HEA has its job to do, and there is no longer any doubt that smoking is dangerous, but it's hard to read the report without an inward groan. Is no corner of life safe from the sanitising fervour of the health professionals? We can tolerate being told not to smoke, but to be told that we are not even allowed to *watch* people smoking strikes me as puritanical.

In any case, the evidence presented in the report hardly demonstrates an orgy of Hollywood-led smoking. The author, Terence Wright, reader in media studies at the University of Luton, looked at the top ten films from January to June this year. Eight showed smoking scenes; only *The Jungle Book* and *Honey, I Blew Up the Kid* emerged as HEA-certified smokeless zones.

Dr Wright admits that in only one of the films, *The Bodyguard*, could smoking be viewed as a glamorous activity. In *Home Alone 2*, smoking occupied just 0.18 per cent of the film, and occurred when child star Macauley Culkin stumbled into the underworld and saw two prostitutes puffing away, exactly the sort of downbeat message about smoking the HEA might be expected to welcome.

Dr Wright complains that smoking is often used to reinforce character: men in films smoke when faced with a tough decision, women when under stress. Powerful men smoke cigars; nobody smokes a pipe any longer.

But isn't this rather like real life? Earlier this year the HEA helped finance a report by the Cancer Research Campaign and Ash (Action on Smoking & Health), which showed that working-class women see cigarettes as "a necessary luxury" for coping with the stresses of life. Not so different, it would seem, from the stereotype Dr Wright deplores.

Furthermore, he admits that smoking was not used in any of the films as a point of social contact, a very different situation from the 1940s when no screen romance could begin without a shared cigarette. "Shall we have a cigarette on it?" Paul Henreid asked of Bette Davis in the classic *Now Voyager* in 1942.

All in all, Dr Wright's survey convinces me that films do no more than match reasonably accurately the way we live now. Smoking may be reprehensible, but it continues to be part of life for a lot of people, and not to see it at all in films would be strange, if not absurd. When Hollywood is permitted to portray violence at a level unimaginable in daily life, to deny it the opportunity to display commonplace activities like smoking is a curious form of censorship.

Fortunately, the HEA has yet to acquire the powers of the Hays Office, which used to lay down the law about what Hollywood could and could not show. What it has done is to attach to rented copies of the film *Singles* an anti-smoking message. Fast-forward buttons, we may be sure, will be busily deployed as teenagers sit down to watch this tale of six young Seattle suburbanites falling in and out of love.

Along with trailers for films you know you'll never want to see, and that man assuring you the video has been pronounced wholesome, the HEA's message will whizz by in a blurry second or two. Smoking is a silly habit, but it's sillier still to expect filmmakers to pretend it doesn't exist.

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Janet Daley

■ Is there a misogynist cabal which rejects rape as a serious crime unless it is accompanied by violence?

Yet another woman is abducted and raped. A man simply opened the passenger door of her car while she waited at traffic lights, and pulled a knife. What are the chances that her archetypal attacker — scruffy, be-jeaned, anoracked — will be arrested? Lower than ever. At a time when reported rapes are at an all-time high, the rate of arrests is falling drastically: according to *The Times*'s report this week, by 23 per cent in the Metropolitan Police area. If he is caught, what is the likelihood of his being convicted? Even less, since the chances of satisfying the Crown Prosecution Service that a strong enough case has been established are peculiarly poor in cases of rape.

In the unlikely event that he is arrested and successfully prosecuted, what are the odds that he will receive what most women would regard as a fitting sentence? Might he not come up against a judge who will decide that for some reason or other, the victim's experience was not really so bad — like Judge Michael Addison, who said this week that a woman who had been taken out for a meal by her attacker had not suffered "the more serious type of rape".

> Rape is still an anomaly in our adversarial courts

It is easy to see all of this as an anti-female conspiracy, a deliberate skewing of the criminal justice system to devalue women and downgrade the worst crime that can be committed against them short of murder. There is a considerable growth industry in propagating exactly that view, not all of it orchestrated by militant feminists. The police, who were once principal villains in the persecution of rape victims, now themselves complain of the difficulty in obtaining convictions or decent sentences. Having reformed their own attitudes to women, they now find their efforts to protect them frustrated.

So is there a misogynist cabal which systematically rejects the idea that rape is a serious crime unless it is accompanied by the kind of terrifying violence that men can more easily understand? I don't think so. Except perhaps in a few dark corners of legal life where men remain untouched by normal human concerns, the handling of rape may be insensitive but it is not driven by malice. These men, after all — the prosecutors, the judges and the defence barristers who pull out all the stops to get rapists acquitted — have wives, sisters and daughters, or at least mothers, who are all potential victims.

What hampers them is not so much contempt for women as a real conceptual problem. Rape, as opposed to any other violence that might accompany it, is a crime which is defined by someone's experience of an event. The sex act, which is a normal human function, becomes "rape" when it is carried out against the will of one of the participants. But since her (or occasionally his) will is an internal mental state, proving that it was determined against the act — especially in retrospect — is extremely difficult. Signs of physical resistance may help, but they are not definitive: they may result simply from robust but consensual sexual activity.

Few other crimes are like this. Robbery consists of taking someone else's property *against his will*, but few burglars try to claim that their victims really wanted to be robbed. First because evidence of forcible break-in is usually straightforward, but also because having their valuables permanently removed is not something to which people often consent — unlike the sex act. Which is not to say that rape exists only in the mind of the victim, but that it is not, as some women activists insist, one uniform thing.

Commenting on Judge Addison's remark that the woman who had been out to dinner with her attacker had not endured the worst form of rape, because the rapist was known to her, a representative of the Rape Crisis Line said: "There is no such thing as a rape which is better or worse than another." Isn't there? Isn't it worse to be held at knifepoint by a deranged stranger, or repeatedly attacked by a gang who threaten to mutilate you, than to have sex forced upon you by a date who wouldn't take no for an answer? Of course, rape is always criminal because it is an assault and a violation, but it is no good pretending that some rapes are not worse than others, or that there are not real difficulties in deciding degrees of guilt.

These problems would exist in any fair-minded justice system, because rape is a crime rarely committed in the presence of witnesses, and for which forensic evidence is often ambiguous. But the problems are certainly exacerbated by our adversarial courts, in which the victim must fight it out with the accused. This contest, because of the presumption of innocence, is actually weighted against the victim. Her word alone can scarcely ever be sufficient to convict, and yet it is only the state of her will which makes the act a crime.

Rape is a doomed anomaly in a prosecution system geared to dealing with objective crimes in which the perceptions of the victim are not crucial. Careful and compassionate investigation of motives is as close as one can get to the truth of such a crime. And courts dedicated to gladiatorial combat between lawyers hardly allow for that.

The message the Pope has come to preach will not appeal to Clinton's America, says **Frances Kissling**

Pontifications that fall on deaf ears

Pope John Paul II arrives in Denver, Colorado, today as young Catholic people from around the globe gather in the city for World Youth Day. Although the Pope will find admiring throngs in Denver, his popularity will end when his preachings begin. Survey after survey suggests a deepening, expanding rift between America's Catholics and the Vatican, especially on matters of sexuality and reproduction, as well as the role of women in the church.

For example, almost nine out of ten American Catholics believe the church should permit couples to make their own decision about forms of birth control. Only 13 per cent agree with the church's position on abortion. And despite the church's ban on both, Catholics in the United States use contraceptives and resort to abortion as much as other Americans. Furthermore, American Catholic priests do not agree with the Vatican's position on these issues. As long ago as 1970, a study by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops found that more than four-fifths of the Catholic clergy did not insist on adherence to the birth control teaching among their parishioners.

In everyday Catholic life there is an unspoken agreement: the Catholic in the pew goes her own way on matters such as divorce, birth control, and abortion, and for the most part the parish priest looks the other way. But this Pope will have nothing of this pact. Lost in the pelvic zone, John Paul II increasingly insists on fidelity to his restrictive views on sex and reproduction.

This, after all, is the Pope who went to Aids-ravaged Uganda and exhorted the population there to refrain from using condoms to stem the spread of the virus that causes Aids. This is the Pope, too, who urged Bosnian rape victims not to have abortions, but to "transform an act of violence into an act of love and welcome". This is an ethic that does not resonate, it rankles.

As Catholics gather in Denver to greet the Pope, many will be there to spread a message of dissent. Those who disagree with the church on priestly celibacy, on women's ordination, on family planning and abortion, on homosexuality and on the hierarchical structure will be there to voice their argument. We are increasingly unwilling to turn a blind eye to areas of disagreement. A Catholic in the United States is a product of the American tradition: we believe in a pluralistic, democratic society with a high degree of tolerance. We were, after all, taught that our forebears came to this country seeking religious freedom as well as economic opportunity. We see democratic change as the way to bring our church's teachings into line with the way we live our lives. We began this work in earnest 25 years ago, in the turbulent 1960s.

The convergence of the papacy of John XXIII and the presidency of John F. Kennedy occurred as Catholics were fully assimilated into American society. We were accepted in the political process by the time Pope John began to recognise the maturity of Catholics within the church. When he convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 to bring the church into the modern era, enormous enthusiasm was engendered. Vatican II embodied the spirit of America. Catholics in America in particular came to believe we *were* the church; we sensed a new partnership between the leaders and the people.

When, in 1968, Pope Paul VI released the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, reaffirming the church's narrow view of sexuality and the ban on birth control along with it, American Catholics were not only crushed, they felt betrayed. The church has not been the same since.

The Pope responds to this by adopting a hard-line position. Like a spurned lover whose only way of communicating with the object of his passion is through the mail, John Paul seems unable to do anything but issue letters that repeat the same 25-year-old message over and over. Each time the Pope issues a new statement exhorting Catholics to embrace his unworkable sexual ethic, the fissure grows wider.

Pope John Paul II arrives mere weeks after the 25th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, and shortly before release of a new papal encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, which is expected to underscore the church's moral teachings. American Catholics are mystified by the new encyclical. Why bother with another letter to say nothing new?

John Paul comes to a country where the majority of the 55 million Catholics (who are about a quarter of the total population) reject his position on sex and reproduction. And he will be greeted by a new president who, on his second day in office, overturned restrictive reproductive policies of the Reagan-Bush era. Just as John XXIII and John Kennedy mirrored one another in the 1960s, the papacy of the hard-line John Paul and the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and George Bush were well matched. But that ended with the election of Bill Clinton. The Pope's meeting with President Clinton will be short and probably not sweet.

We are unlikely to be told what the two leaders say to one another. We can only hope that the president will speak from his heart. That is, after all, what dissenting Catholics are attempting to do. And although the church does not listen well, we must not stop trying to be heard.

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Most select of nations

Like many of our great institutions, English cricket lacks self-confidence

William Rees-Mogg

When I was at the Arts Council, I sometimes envied the Sports Council its responsibility for cricket, which is perhaps closer to the centre of the average Englishman's culture than any of the arts, with the possible exception of pop music and Shakespeare. Cricket has great cultural strengths. It can be very beautiful, a sort of ballet without music, of which the result is unknown. It has the excitement of mimic warfare, with some of the physical danger of the mediaeval joust. It is a social focus for those who love the game, linking generations of its admirers. It is the most intellectual of team games, with endless subtleties of tactical choice.

Of course cricket is not what it was. This however is a perpetual condition. When I was watching cricket at Weston-super-Mare in the 1930s, the old men, some of them still limping from Boer war shrapnel, were regretting the decline from the days of C.B. Fry and Ranji; some of them could even remember W.G. Grace, if only as a country doctor of limited medical knowledge and uncertain temper. Yet the one-day game, played in coloured pyjamas, does lack cricket's traditional elegance. It is like the reduction of Shakespeare to a strip cartoon, with captions reading "Hi Hamlet, I'm your dad's spirit."

A Dorset clergyman has written a special collect as a prayer for English cricket. I did not altogether admire the collect itself, which has God bowling a googly, but the idea is not inappropriate. All the threatened branches of English culture, the Church of England, the House of Lords, trial by jury, the monarchy, British Rail, cricket, should join together and support each other. There should be a special train to take Prince William to watch a Test match at Old Trafford, supported by the ancient dukes, with the Bishop of Liverpool — himself once a notable England batsman — conducting the 1662 form of morning prayer in the restaurant car, and an empanelled jury to decide the fate of the England captain at the end of the match. The outing should be paid for by Paul Getty, who is the great surviving patron of English culture, and the prime minister, as a cricket lover, should have a reserved seat.

There are many links between cricket and English literature. There are the cricketing jokes, such as the wicket keeper who was known as the Ancient Mariner because he "stoppeth one of three". There is the nostalgic poetry of Henry Newbolt: "There's a breathless hush in the Close tonight — ten to make and the match to win"; and the higher poetry of Francis Thompson:

As the run-stealers flicker to and fro,
To and fro:
O my Hornby and my Barlow long ago!

It was a non-cricketing poet, Charles Wolfe, who wrote: "Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, / as his corse to the rampart we hurried." That may have been true of Sir John Moore at Corunna, but it was not true of Tex Dexter at Edgbaston. On the contrary, his corse was greeted with loud applause as it was carried to the rampart. I think he has been unlucky. The job of chairing the Test selectors depends upon there being talent to select. The sad story of English defeats reflects the fact that English batsmen have not made as many runs as the batsmen of other cricketing countries, and English bowlers have not taken as many wickets.

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings.

Shakespeare is our greatest cricketing poet, though I think he never refers to the game at all.

I do not see much harm in Ted Dexter himself. He seems to have modelled his personality on that of the Duke of Edinburgh, at least in two respects. He is tactless with the press, and he walks with his hands behind his back, as though he were captain of the Warspite in a Spithead review before King George V. I cannot see that either characteristic is other than an amiable eccentricity, in him or indeed in the Duke of Edinburgh. I rather enjoy their "In which we serve" personas.

Ted Dexter was wrong not to select David Gower for the tour of India. Cricket at its best is a cavalier, not a roundhead game; when talent is scarce, it seems perverse to reject genius. Yet I doubt whether it would have made a great difference to the actual result. England with Gower would not have been a winning side, because they would still have lacked wicket-taking bowlers. While he was playing for England, Ian Botham, apart from his batting, was involved either as bowler or fielder in one third of all the wickets taken by England. If the Botham and the Gower of the early 1980s had been available to Ted Dexter, England might well have been a winning side.

In his heyday, Botham was involved in a third of England's wickets

It is also ungenerous to the Australian team to make a scapegoat of Dexter. This Australian side has an extraordinary depth of batting, which — as at Edgbaston — has made recovery possible when England looked as though they might break through. The Australian bowling has been better than the English, in all sides of the attack. The strongest post-war England XIs would have been hard put to it to defeat this Australian side. Alan Border has been an excellent captain, shrewd, well organised and implacable. One should not blame Dexter for having selected a losing team when so obviously the best side won: they won because they were more talented and because of the Australian culture of determined aggression.

Nevertheless, there is a problem. At Edgbaston, England lacks a centre, either to the batting or to the bowling. The secondary roles were played as secondary roles, either well, as by Embury, or badly, by those batsmen who missed another chance. No one was able to play the central role. It was like a performance of *Hamlet* with an excellent Horatio, a lamentable Gertrude and no Prince of Denmark at all. Perhaps Atherton will become a Prince of Denmark, but he is not one yet. As it is, we have batsmen whose best innings peter out between 50 and 100, and bowlers who on a good day take two wickets for 100 runs, but we have no one who "rides in the whirl-wind, and directs the storm", as Joseph Addison wrote of the great Duke of Marlborough.

In all its forms greatness depends on talent, but is nevertheless a moral rather than a physical quality. In cricket there have been batsmen of extraordinary gifts who never became great batsmen, and others who took a limited talent far beyond what it should really have been worth. Greatness depends on qualities of will, courage and concentration. As a captain, Graham Gooch was not able to convey these qualities to other members of his team, although as a batsman he possessed them in abundance.

Greatness also depends on self-confidence. Ian Botham, whose retirement marks a cricketing epoch, has been the greatest English all-rounder since W.G. Grace, a unique force. His self-confidence, his willingness to take on the whole Australian Test side on his own, was unbounded. He was a Hercules of the wicket. As he walked on to the ground, one felt he was capable of strangling a lion single-handed, and left-handed at that. We have no one in English cricket today with that confidence. There is a canker of self-doubt that has done more than any technical inadequacies to undermine the performance of our players.

The lack of confidence eats into our national life. The British, who are about 1 per cent of the world's population, ran the world for about 100 years, from the defeat of Napoleon to the outbreak of the first world war. That was an exceptional episode. Before then we were one of several powers; since then we have once again been one of several powers. Before we ran the world we produced Shakespeare, who is the world's greatest poet, and Isaac Newton, who may be the world's greatest scientist. We also gave birth to the United States. Even nowadays Britain is one of the pleasantest and fairest countries in the world to live in. We play a not unworthy part in world trade, world communications and world defence. But it would be good for our national morale if our cricketers recovered their belief in themselves. "Nought shall make us rue, if England to itself do rest but true", as the Bastard says in *King John*. Perhaps we need a Bastard to replace Ted Dexter.

Name your price

SIR Andrew Lloyd Webber would like to let it be known that he is delighted with his art dealer. So delighted, in fact, that he has paid £850 for a full-page advertisement in this week's *Antiques Trade Gazette* to thank his St James's dealer, David Mason, for "arranging the purchase from a private source in the USA of Dante Gabriel Rossetti's *A Vision of Fiammetta*".

Mason, who also arranged the purchase of Lloyd Webber's £10 million Canaletto *The Old Horseguards*, was told of his client's wish to buy the painting only three months ago. The composer, an enthusiast for the pre-Raphaelites, read of the painting in a Rossetti catalogue, which listed its last sale — to David Rust, an American collector, for £3,990 in 1965.

After three months and countless phone calls across America, Mason tracked down Rust in Washington DC. He wrote asking if he would consider selling. "He sent the letter back with 'What's your highest offer?' scrawled along the bottom."

Mason flew to Washington on Concorde immediately. "He was not really interested in selling and he thought our price was too low. He also said he had a tax bill to pay, which I told him not to worry about." Mason returned to London, got the go-ahead from Lloyd Webber and was back on Concorde. Two days later — on August 1 — he was back for good, with the 70 in by 45 in oil in the hold. The painting now hangs in Sydmonton, Lloyd Webber's Berkshire pile.

Mason says the huge canvas of a woman dressed in a red tunic surrounded by blossom is the "most haunting, mesmeric picture I have seen in 37 years of dealing". It is also, no doubt, one of the most expensive. The last Rossetti sold achieved £1.43 million in 1987. Rust is highly unlikely to have sold his for less.

● *As they take delivery of their new £170,000 cars in the next few days, the first owners of Rolls Royce's limited Corniche IV can sit back, safe in the knowledge that an artificial bottom has tested the car seats to their very limit. The 200lb pair of man-made buttocks vibrates backwards and forwards over the leather seats more than a million times, in a truly heavyweight test of durability. All very comforting.*

DIARY

Even Patten nods

OUR recuperating education secretary, John Patten, points out proudly in his foreword to a forthcoming book on state schools that the "secret garden" of state education has been opened to public gaze. Were it not for judicious editing, so too would the secret of his spelling.

In 144 words, Patten expresses enthusiasm for *The Sunday Times State Schools Book*, which analyses 400 of the country's best schools, and pledges his commitment to more openness and accountability in education.

So it is rather a pity that a draft of this short and incisive commentary submitted to the publishers, Bloomsbury, contained two spelling errors: commited and publically.

● *Action man Paddy Ashdown, fresh from dodging bullets in Sarajevo, has set off on another of his intrepid expeditions. Ashdown, with a rucksack on his back, was spotted at Victoria station with his wife, Jane. Not that the former marine was planning anything too hair-raising oin his latest venture. He is in Burgundy at the family cottage.*

Random Century

IAN BOTHAM'S retirement looks shortlived. Less than a month after he stood down from first class cricket, HarperCollins, for whom he is writing his autobiography, is confident that he will be at the crease for the first London *v* Oxford publishers' cricket match early next month.

Richard Johnson, HarperCollins' senior editorial director and the captain of the firm's team, says: "We are in negotiations with Ian, and it looks hopeful. Failing him, we also have a chance of David Gower and Allan Lamb, both of whom have books out. We can't have all three. The Oxford publishers have allowed us only one superstar."

Well that's one more than England, anyway.

Mustn't grouse

THE shortage of grouse on the moors this year may be bad news for landowners, but it must be good for Jardine Insurance Brokers, which is offering landowners an insurance policy against saboteurs for the first time.

John Hastings-Bass, managing director of the company's personal and commercial division, says about 25 moors have signed up. But with grouse numbers so low this year, sab action is expected to be modest, so the big pay-outs are not expected. As a result, however, premiums, along with the numbers of grouse and demonstrators, are lower than expected. Hastings-Bass is stoical. "It is a cycle and the pendulum will swing back again." Along with the birds.

Dissenters line up

CIRCULATION figures are always a worry to newspaper proprietors. But few can be as worried as Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman, who, faced with plummeting sales and income from *Newsline*, the party's official newspaper, may have to shut it down.

Closure would be a blow to the party's already miserable morale, as it would be the first time since the war that the Tory machine was without its own paper. *Newsline*, which carries only articles fiercely loyal to the party high command, is regarded as bland and supine even by officials at Central Office which produces it. The party conference issue could be the last.

"Closure is one of a number of options," admitted a party spokesman yesterday, putting circulation at between 80,000 and 90,000. He did point out, however, that many Conservative associations around the country cannot afford to reimburse Central Office at 25p a copy.

There is now talk of Tory activists setting up a new publication, using articles by party members critical of government policy. "It would present the real picture of the party, which *Newsline* ignores," says one. Two sections perhaps?

Glenys's campaign runs out of puff

NEIL KINNOCK, having been wooed off the weed by his wife in March, appears to have lapsed. Glenys, a reformed smoker herself, revealed that she had finally succeeded in turning the Kinnock household in Ealing into a smoke-free zone when she launched the Children's Charter for Freedom Against Tobacco in April.

But four months on, his wife's hopes that the former Labour leader had kicked the habit for good appear to have been stubbed out. Kinnock rarely smoked in public during his period as leader because of fears of the damage it would do to his image, but in private he drew a near Wilsonian comfort from his pipe. Perhaps he no longer cares what people think of him. The other day at lunch in fashionable Christopher's restaurant in Covent Garden, he was spotted puffing away — not on a pipe, but at a cigarette. What a pity they don't make Strands any more.

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IN DRY DOCK

The political ship will not be holed by a Commons report

The great Royal Dockyards show has drawn faithful crowds at Westminster for so long that MPs seem unable to live with the idea that Malcolm Rifkind's judgment of Solomon in June might have ended the run. The announced division of labour, which allocated all nuclear submarine refits to Devonport and promised Rosyth half the surface fleet refitting work as a consolation prize, is formally a proposal to be confirmed after "consultation". Yesterday's report by the Commons select committee on defence is the response. But in practice, the committee well knows, this exercise is a formality.

The report's questioning of the arithmetic behind this decision usefully underlines the truism that, when ministers solemnly swear that their sole concern is "to ensure the best deal for the Ministry . . . and the taxpayer", quite different considerations are likely to be at work. But since both yards are dominant employers in politically sensitive unemployment blackspots, that is hardly news.

Politically, the report's most damaging allegation is that the defence ministry put Rosyth at an unfair disadvantage in the bidding, by leading it to believe until last autumn that the navy was prepared to pay a premium for a purpose-built dock for Trident submarines. Devonport, by contrast, was bidding all along on the basis of upgrading existing facilities, a vastly cheaper alternative.

Since ministers have repeatedly stressed the savings resulting from the competition between the two yards to win the nuclear submarine contract, Mr Rifkind must answer the charge that because of this advice, and the lack of detailed specifications, the whole bidding process was not a genuine competition. But the committee fails to show that this "potentially unfair" treatment was decisive in winning Devonport the submarines contract.

The committee's strictures would bite harder were its own claims to financial rigour more secure. The report airily dismisses the £64 million difference between Devonport's bid and Rosyth's as so marginal that it should not have decided the issue. Terrorist attack is a risk that naval dockyards should be capable of countering, and its argument that £280-£330 million for an emergency backup nuclear repair facility at Rosyth would be "a price worth paying" has politics written all over it. So does its diligent enquiry into the number of jobs likely to be lost at Rosyth, given that it makes no attempt to come up with an independent estimate of what Devonport would have lost, had the decision gone the other way.

Above all, the committee misses the opportunity to hammer the government where it is truly vulnerable. The vaunted £64 million saving on the bids quietly left out of the calculation both the £110 million already spent at Rosyth — on a massive hole which may, or may not, now be used for decommissioning nuclear submarines — and at least £100 million more which will be required to equip Rosyth to handle the 18 large surface vessels it has been promised.

The truth almost without doubt is that the key to the ultimate decision lies in Tory constituencies, not the MoD. Labour will naturally make mountains of hay with the report; but Babcock Thorn, which manages Rosyth, responded yesterday that it intended to press ahead with restructuring the yard. That is only sensible: a purely economic appraisal might have led to its closure, whatever the government says about the saving graces of competition. The government has agonised long over the navy's argument that only one dockyard was needed for a reduced fleet. Now that it has settled itself firmly between two stools and decided to keep both in business, ministers have no intention of reopening this most contentious of debates.

CLASS IN THE COURT-ROOM

Civil litigation should now become easier for the middle class

In a country that prides itself on popular access to justice, it is absurd that there should be one law for the very rich and the very poor, and another for those in between. Yet if the cuts in the legal aid budget planned by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, are not counteracted by changes elsewhere in the legal system there is a risk that civil litigation will become too expensive for even more middle class people. His decision to allow lawyers to double their fees if they take on a case for nothing and win it is therefore a welcome reform.

The Lord Chancellor has put flesh on the bones of the 1991 Courts and Legal Services Act, which permits legal representatives to take personal injury, insolvency or European court of human rights cases on a speculative basis. Having originally suggested that lawyers should be able to increase their fees by only 20 per cent if they win a case, he has now agreed that they should be entitled to double their usual payment. This amendment will transform the attraction of the "no win, no fee" system to the legal profession.

Proposals of this kind have traditionally provoked fears of vexatious litigation and "ambulance-chasing" lawyers seeking to profit from misery. But the conditional fees system which Lord Mackay has endorsed differs considerably from the American contingency fees system, under which lawyers waive a fixed fee in return for a share in any damages won. The Lord Chancellor's proposals will simply entitle lawyers to a fixed bonus for taking a calculated risk successfully.

Nor do they apply to the more sensitive areas of litigation such as criminal and matrimonial cases. Far from spawning pointless litigation, the new system should encourage efficient use of court time by rewarding lawyers who select cases only where they have a reasonable chance of success. The "no win, no fee" system has worked well in Scotland without any of the worst excesses of American legal practice.

By his own admission, Lord Mackay's legal aid cuts will affect at least 250,000 people. The conditional fees system should improve the access of the middle classes to civil justice and thus help to correct a disgraceful anomaly in the legal system. If the reform proves successful, the Lord Chancellor should consider its extension to other areas of litigation, such as planning and libel cases.

But the introduction of conditional fees should be seen as only one element in a rolling review of legal costs. A conditional fees system is not a true substitute for legal aid, since it does not protect the loser from the winner's costs or experts' fees. The unsuccessful litigant may still face a daunting debt at the end of a case. Encouraging lawyers to take cases on a speculative basis is no panacea.

The Lord Chancellor must therefore continue to examine ways of controlling the legal aid bill — which is already £1,100 million a year — without reducing eligibility. This might include the establishment of more law centres to offer cheap advice on subjects such as benefit and consumer law; measures to boost the legal insurance market; and the introduction of a formal public defenders' service for certain categories of criminal offence. Widening access to justice in a cost-effective way should remain a fundamental priority for the government. This week's welcome proposals must be the foundation of much else.

CARNAGE IN KASHMIR

The Indian government must respect human rights

Something is rotten in the state of Kashmir. At least 12,000 people have been killed there since 1990, mostly civilians. About 60 people are killed each week. India is at war in Kashmir and the presence of half a million soldiers — from both its regular army and its notorious paramilitary forces — is evidence of the seriousness with which the Indian government regards the situation.

Wars — even civil wars — have their rules, however. A fundamental democratic rule is that innocent civilians must never be made a target. Yet thousands of them have died in Kashmir and the Indian government must account for their deaths.

Indian soldiers violate human rights with impunity. They conduct extra-judicial executions (a euphemism for murder), torture, make citizens "disappear" (in the sense of Latin American *desaparecidos*), and engage in rape, arbitrary imprisonment, theft and arson. Soldiers are seldom punished. Contrary to the propaganda of the Indian government, the rule of law has collapsed in the region. The judicial process is in a state of paralysis. Constitutional rights and guarantees exist on paper alone.

Indian soldiers are at war with heavily armed separatists. Some favour an independent Kashmir, others accession to Pakistan. India cannot be faulted for deploying its army against these groups, but it is against them alone that the army must be deployed. By its indiscriminate brutality it has, however, succeeded in alienating all civilians. It is unlikely now that any Kashmiri party, group or political figure representative of popular opinion would contemplate a solution to the crisis within the framework of the Indian state.

Of greatest concern, however, is the immediate question of the violations of human rights. India is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It is under an international legal obligation to put its house in order. At the very least, it must act in accordance with its own, admirable constitution. It insists that Kashmiris are Indian citizens. It cannot, therefore, deny them their rights as citizens.

India has never been an easy country to govern and it is not suggested that its problems are easily resolved. It is correct to insist, however, on the following: certain minimum democratic standards and values, a return to the rule of law, accountability for actions conducted in violation of human rights, and a guarantee of the right to life (the Indian government's claim that thousands of civilians die in "crossfire" must be rejected as nonsense unworthy of a democracy). It is time to insist, too, on an end to the Indian ban on access to Kashmir for investigators from international human rights organisations. A return to a democratic culture is in India's best interests. It has been lobbying discreetly (if optimistically) for permanent membership of a reshaped UN Security Council. Its domestic human rights record damages its cause profoundly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cost of child care to single mothers

From Professor Earl Russell

Sir, Public opinion seems to be unanimous that we do not want single mothers to leave two-year-old children at home while they go out to work (letters, August 6). We cannot achieve this object by making a scapegoat of one single mother. We must ease the pressure which is leading other single mothers towards doing the same thing.

This means we must look at government policy. This is not only a matter of lack of help with child care, for which £50 a week is bottom of the market. A woman offered a job who cannot find child care within 24 hours can be deemed unavailable for work, and may risk losing benefit altogether.

If she hopes to earn enough to pay for child care, the combined diminution of family credit, housing benefit, council tax and national insurance means she loses 97p in the pound of any extra earnings.

Since 1989, people can be compelled by threat of loss of benefit to take a job which pays below benefit level. Now, the abolition of wages councils makes it even harder for a single mother to earn enough to pay for child care.

If she gives up trying, and lives at home on benefit with her child, she is then told by Mr Peter Lilley, social security secretary, that she is a scrounger, a drain on public funds, and part of the dependency culture.

If this were a civil case, so much pressure to go to work and leave the child alone might be called contributory negligence. Punishing one woman will not change the pressures on others to do the same thing. The government is not without sin, and cannot cast the first stone.

Yours faithfully,
RUSSELL
(Liberal Democrat spokesman on social security),
House of Lords.
August 6.

From Mrs Valerie Jablon

Sir, As a one-time working mother and retired barrister and recorder who specialised in divorce and family cases, I would like to congratulate Libby Purves on her article regarding the young single mother who left her child alone at home ("Who cares for the mother?", August 4).

I wish all politicians, non-paying fathers and everybody else mentioned in her article could be made to read, digest or re-read it.

I wrote to Margaret Thatcher about 25 years ago when she was merely the local MP, stating the case for child care to be made tax-deductible for working women, but I received a bland reply showing no interest, and unfortunately no government since has chosen to protect children and their mothers in this obvious way.

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE JABLON,
64 Gurney Drive,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, N2.
August 4.

From Mr Quentin Campbell

Sir, It is hard to find any sentence available under present legislation to satisfy all the concerns of those worried by the six-month sentence on the mother who left her child at home whilst she went to work.

A non-custodial sentence could be criticised for failing to reflect the obvious gravity of the offence and possibly for giving encouragement to others in a similar sad predicament. A custodial sentence inevitably causes the child further harm and skilled help is needed for both mother and child.

The Criminal Justice Act 1991, which came into force last October, substantially altered a court's power to suspend a prison sentence. A custodial sentence can be suspended only in "exceptional" circumstances and normal mitigating factors such as previous good character, remorse, a plea of guilty, etc, do not now enable a sentence to be suspended.

In this case imprisonment to recognise the gravity of the offence, but suspended, together with a period of supervision, would come close to satisfying the legitimate concerns expressed.

The judge, however, did not have this power. Perhaps consideration should be given to reverting to the pre-Criminal Justice Act 1991 position.

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN CAMPBELL,
(Stipendiary magistrate),
Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court,
21 Great Marlborough Street, W1.

From Ms Elizabeth Flanagan

Sir, Whilst accepting Mr Chaim Bermant's point about single women getting pregnant (letter, August 6), would it not benefit the whole of society a great deal more if, before having intercourse, every male asked himself how he could best support the child which *might* be the outcome?

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH FLANAGAN,
71 Winchester Road,
Whitchurch, Hampshire.
August 6.

Conflict on testing and curriculum

From the Chairman of the Conservative Education Association

Sir, Your editorial, "In place of strength" (August 3), is right to welcome the interim report from Sir Ron Dearing on the national curriculum and testing, but mistaken in criticising the government as abandoning test league tables at seven and 14 because of teacher union muscle.

The teachers were successful in their actions this summer because they had a good case that was supported by parents and a wide body of informed opinion, both inside and outside the Conservative party. That was their strength. If it had just been a trial of strength with union muscle, the result of the conflict would have been different.

For some while now the government has been accused of listening only to the extreme right wing of the Conservative party on matters of education. In its response to the Dearing report it has clearly shown that it has heeded advice from a far wider group than that or the teacher unions.

While there is overwhelming support, both among the public and the professionals, for the principle of a national curriculum and the importance of testing, which are the bedrock of government policy, concern about the detail of how these reforms were being implemented was widespread. Ministers deserve to be supported in their courageous recognition of past mistakes and their decisive response to Dearing, and not to be sniped at for being prepared to listen.

Yours sincerely,
D. CORYTON,
Chairman, Conservative Education Association,
73 Marine Avenue, Hove, East Sussex.
August 3.

From the General Secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers

Sir, You are right to identify the danger of "a national schools service at the mercy of union whim". Sir Ron Dearing's interim report provides a starting line for us to develop a structure that will deliver a good education to our pupils.

This structure can only be built, however, if there is a meaningful partnership between the government, head teachers, teacher unions, local authorities and Sir Ron Dearing's school curriculum and assessment authority. This would go some way to ensuring a more effective implementation of change.

All of us within the education industry must be disciplined enough to put aside our political agendas, in order to concentrate on the professional issues.

We need to trust one another in the interests of education and the pupils we teach.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ANDREWS,
General Secretary,
Professional Association of Teachers,
2 St James' Court,
Friar Gate, Derby.
August 4.

From the Reverend Professor Howard Marratt

Sir, The intentions of Baroness Blatch, the education minister, and Sir Ron Dearing to raise the status of religious education are welcome (report, August 10). The churches in membership of the Free Church Federal Council have always supported every action to improve the content of RE, both to prevent it being the "poor relation" (to quote Baroness Blatch) and to provide "adequate time" for it (Sir Ron Dearing).

But over the past year, the main problem has not been the content of the syllabuses but two very major weaknesses. First, despite the increase in the number of teachers qualified in RE, over 50 per cent of pupils are taught by teachers not qualified in it. Secondly, many heads in non-church schools tell local committees that the demands of the national curriculum do not allow more than one period a week for it (even though church schools can always provide more).

The Department for Education should take national action both to provide more trained RE teachers — partly through in-service education by local advisers — and to require heads and governors to guarantee adequate curriculum time.

Yours faithfully,
H. W. MARRATT,
Education Committee,
The Free Church Federal Council,
27 Tavistock Square, WC1.
August 10.

Care of mentally ill

From Dr John H. M. Crichton

Sir, The expected announcement this Thursday of the introduction of supervised discharge for the mentally disordered (report, August 5) may promote the popular view that psychiatrists should be jailers of the mad and thus protect the public.

It is easy to forget, after recent headlines, that most mentally ill are not violent and most academic opinion suggests they are no more violent than the general population. The role of protecting the public is not unwelcome to medicine, but the role of jailer is.

Any illness restricts the freedom of the sufferer and this is particularly true of mental illness; doctors should reduce that restriction, allowing patients as much freedom as possible to lead their lives.

Psychiatrists have the power to imprison within hospital, but with the aim of reducing the chains of mental illness and enabling return to the community. Community orders should also aim to protect the public and reduce the impact of mental illness, but with the overall aim of maximising patient autonomy.

Such autonomy will lead patients to decisions that their doctors may disapprove of. Decisions later regretted or seen as foolish by others are part of life, and the skill of the psychiatrists will be in deciding when to intervene and when to stand back.

Psychiatrists are not jailers, surrogate parents, or priests; their role is doctor to the mentally ill and part of that is balancing the restriction and freedom of both psychiatric treatment and mental illness.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN H. M. CRICHTON
(Nightingale Researcher),
University of Cambridge,
Institute of Criminology,
7 West Road, Cambridge.
August 10.

Troops of distinction

From Mr Tom Cox, MP for Tooting (Labour)

Sir, In the horrors of Somalia and Bosnia little credit seems to have been given to those contingents from Commonwealth African countries serving with the United Nations. In comparison with troops from some apparently more developed countries, they have conducted themselves with great discipline and composure.

In Somalia, Botswanan troops earned praise in a report published by *African Rights* as being "consistently respectful of human rights". *African Rights* was critical of the behaviour of soldiers from Belgium and Italy.

In the former Yugoslavia, a battalion of Kenyan troops — a total force of 913 men — has earned world praise with its sensitive patrolling of the 150-kilometre UN-protected border area between Bosnia and Dalmatia known as Sector South.

Kenyan soldiers have served the UN with distinction in the important areas of conflict and potential conflict, not least in Namibia during the transition to independence of that country. Kenya's armed forces are also currently serving with the United Nations Military Observer Group (Unimog) on the Iran/Iraq border. A Kenyan is currently the chairman of the UN-sponsored Joint Verification Committee for Africa in Mozambique.

All in all, a record of which many larger and more prosperous countries would be proud.

Yours faithfully,
TOM COX,
House of Commons.

Primary principles

From Mr John L. Randall

Sir, I am increasingly of the view that a serious deficiency in the primary education of our children is the apparent lack of any attempt on the part of teachers to inculcate ethical principles such as honesty, integrity and reliability.

When I was at school in the 1940s and 1950s we were constantly being told stories of great heroes and heroines whose lives exemplified these principles. Maxims such as "An Englishman's word is his bond" were instilled from an early age.

Nowadays it seems to be taken for granted that most children will lie and steal if given a chance. Children are often quite surprised at being rebuked for such things.

Ethical and behavioural attitudes need to be taught at primary level; by the time a child reaches secondary age it is usually too late.

Dare I suggest that the widespread corruption which now exists at all levels in our society has much to do with inadequate teaching in primary schools over the past 30 years or so?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN L. RANDALL
(Child welfare consultant),
6 Blandford Road,
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Puzzle posers

From Professor K. B. Saunders

Sir, Mr John Kay (letter, July 31), who competes for the *Times* Saturday crossword prize, cannot use the whisky, but would treasure the congratulatory letter. As one who has written his name in his *Times Atlas of the World* with his Schaeffer pen (but inexplicably missed out on the Parker), I can inform him that should he win a bottle of Knockando, that will be it. No congratulatory letter, I am afraid. You don't get one.

However, should he succeed, I would be happy to dispose of the former and provide the latter.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH SAUNDERS,
77 Lee Road, Blackheath, SE3.

From Mr James McDermott

Sir, Like Mr Kay I found myself on the horns of a dilemma over winning the prize crossword, but for a different reason.

For a considerable time it was my overriding ambition to win that beautiful pen, guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner. In November 1991 I did indeed win; and at that time, one did get a congratulatory letter. After showing off this and my pen the delight wore off. I considered the future: it seemed churlish to try to win a second pen, and in any case, does lightning strike twice?

An ambition fulfilled creates a vacancy. But what other objective is so erudite yet flippant, noble yet attainable, worthy yet fun? What other last resort is there for a lazy intellect?

Yours sincerely,
JAMES McDERMOTT,
Beech Grove, Church Lane,
Sunninghill, Ascot, Berkshire.

Runways at Gatwick

From Mr E. M. Holdsworth

Sir, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (letter, August 6) refers to the "undertaking" not to build a second runway at Gatwick airport. This is, in fact, a formal agreement under seal made in 1979 (not 1974) between British Airports Authority and West Sussex County Council, two canny bodies more than capable of looking after their own interests. The key clause is a covenant by BAA not to build another runway before 2019. That covenant is legally binding and could be overridden only by an act of Parliament.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter referred to government "not being bound" by it, but I do not understand the significance of that observation. The government is not bound by my mortgage but it is (unfortunately) still legally binding.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOLDSWORTH
(County Secretary),
West Sussex County Council,
County Hall,
Chichester, West Sussex.

Peak practice

From Mr Peter Allen

Sir, It seems to be de rigueur these days to wear a baseball cap at various sporting and social functions. But at what stage does etiquette dictate that the cap should be worn backwards?

Yours faithfully,
P. ALLEN,
10 Mallocks Close,
Tipton St John, Devon.

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Day-case surgery

From Dr G. R. Harrison

Sir, A dilation and curettage operation for women with menstrual problems ("Surgery with little benefit", August 3) can indeed require a two-night stay in hospital, but only for a minority of patients unable to be operated on as a day case for medical or social reasons.

In our unit nearly all patients for this procedure come into hospital on the morning of operation and go home on the same day. This is the result of an increasing expertise in providing anaesthesia for day-case surgery, which has been assisted by the introduction of newer anaesthetic agents.

Therefore this procedure, along with many other minor gynaecological procedures, can be performed as a day case with minimal disruption to the lives of the patient and her family.

Yours,
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Birmingham 11.

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Hot on the trail

From Mrs Beryl Parkyn

Sir, Gardeners who have been invaded by a plague of snails and slugs throughout the summer may be interested to hear that since May 25 from our third of an acre garden, after dark by torchlight, my husband and I have collected 2,561 snails and slugs — mostly the latter, some over four inches long — and disposed of them with hot water, salt and Jeyes Fluid.

Yours faithfully,
BERYL PARKYN,
Ferney Knap, 28 Middle Road,
Oakdale, Poole, Dorset.
August 8.

From Colonel A. H. W. Sandes

Sir, In Cornwall recently, I parked my car among many others on a cliff-top road above the beach at New Polzeath. Four days later, I found dozens of small snails on its bonnet and front. To my surprise, no other car had been so favoured and after two weeks and hundreds of miles of motoring my visitors are still aboard and thriving.

I suppose that snails might be attracted to cars leaving France, or driven particularly slowly, but in this instance neither explanation would apply.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN SANDES,
Forefields, Beechwood Road,
Combe Down, Bath, Avon.

SOCIAL NEWS

Windsor Castle

The Precincts are open seven days a week. From April to September the opening hours are from 10.30am to 5.00pm and in October and November are 10.30am to 4.00pm.

The State Apartments are open seven days a week. The opening hours are from 10.30am to 5.00pm from April to October only.

Queen Mary's Dolls' House is open daily from 10.30am. Last admission from April to September is 4.30pm; October, November and February is 3.30pm.

The exhibition of the Queen's presents and royal carriages is open from Monday to Saturday from 10.30am until 3.00pm.

Ian Thomas, LVO

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Ian Thomas, LVO, will be held in Westminster Abbey at 6.30pm on Tuesday, September 28, 1993. If you wish to attend, please would you notify the ARG (Protocol), Room 28, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made. Tickets are not required.

Service luncheon

2RTR Luncheon Club

Officers of the former 2nd Royal Tank Regiment held a luncheon in the Cavalry and Guards Club on Friday, August 6. Colonel Peter Bentley and Major James Withington presided.

Latest wills

Latest wills include (net before tax):

Miss Sybil Constance **Bovill**, of Finchampstead, Berkshire £503,499

Mrs Ada **Burdall**, of Calver, Derbyshire £3,163,135

Mr Charles Thomas **Eyre**, of Wimbledon, south London, £922,639

Mr Clement Herbert **Dakin**, of Cranage, Cheshire £650,099

Mr Leonard Charles **Gooden**, of Orpington, Kent £579,282

Mr Clifford Charles **Gulliver**, of Landrake, Cornwall, ... £553,306

Mrs Marion Good **Hart**, of Brixham, Devon £617,657

Mr Leslie Vernon **Martin**, of Westhumble, Surrey £608,751

Mr Terence James **Mounsher**, of Cardiff, South Glamorgan £833,379

Mr John Baird **Murchie**, of Luton, Bedfordshire £537,076

Mrs Hannah Margaret **Nixon**, of London W1 ..... £756,188

Mr Ronald Anthony **Phoenix**, of Branksomed Park, Dorset £1,218,293

Mr John Samuel **Prinold**, of Garmelow, Staffordshire £631,823

Ringer, of West Rudham, Norfolk £2,530,646

Lady Elizabeth Louise Margaret **Scott**, of Culkerton, Gloucestershire £1,008,375

Mr George William **Sharp**, of Grange over Sands, Cumbria £677,480

Mrs Dora Louise **Shaw**, of Hawkhurst, Kent £667,734

Mrs Constance Mary **Shearer**, of Pulborough, West Sussex, £628,971

Mr Edward Alexander **Trotman**, of Bath, Avon £697,985

Mr Gerald James Oxley **Tunbridge**, of London NW3 ... £725,538

Mr Stanley Alexander Edward **Ward**, of Grays, Essex £541,753

Mrs Margaret Mary **Winn**, of Leicester ..... £718,353.

Long-forgotten chest unlocks family treasures

TONY WHITE

Open secrets: Alan Goldsmith and Eric Orros opening the chest yesterday

By Ian Murray

A CHEST of lace and mementoes once treasured by an American lady in Edwardian England was opened with an electric drill yesterday after lying undisturbed for almost half a century.

The heavy 17th century iron chest had belonged to Baron Fisher of Kilverstone, whose mother, Jane Morgan, of Philadelphia, a qualified steam boat master, married his father in 1910. In the chest, folded between layers of delicate lace, she had stored her Philadelphia school graduation certificate, her steam boat qualification, a Christmas card from Queen Alexandra and a silver salt cellar which had belonged to Nelson.

Her other treasures included an American flag, made by her mother in 1876 to commemorate the centenary of independence, and the silken orange blossom she wore at her wedding and then lent to her two daughters, Anna and Katherine, when they got married. Some were wrapped in a June 14, 1940, copy of *The Times* in which is reported the battle to save Paris from the advancing German army.

Lord Fisher said yesterday that he thought the chest was empty when he sold it two years ago to Alan Goldsmith, who runs Mountfitchet Castle Norman village theme park, near Stansted, in Essex. "I couldn't get it open and there didn't seem any point in keeping it."

He said that the chest had probably been part of the furnishings when his father, who was First Sea Lord, bought Kilverstone Hall from a family who had lived there for more than 200 years. "As a serving officer, he would never have been able to carry a heavy thing like that around with him," Lord Fisher said. "I expect my mother found it and used it for keeping things which were precious to her. I can remember my sister wearing the orange blossom at her wedding but apart from that I don't think I ever saw any of these items.

Glittering prize: salt cellar used by Nelson

"I thought the chest was empty because we had a handyman who told me that he had opened it and found nothing inside. I believed him but now I realise it is unlikely that anyone could have opened it without a key."

Mr Goldsmith asked Eric Orros, a master locksmith, to make a key to open the chest but he found the mechanism had been twisted by someone trying to prise it open with a crowbar. Yesterday he resorted to the drill to unlock its secrets.

The more personal mementoes are to be returned to Lord Fisher while the chest, with its collection of lace, will be put on display at the theme park.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays

Mr Roger Abel, chairman, Conoco UK, 50; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, 51; Dame Frances Clode, former chairman, WRVS, 90; Lord Colnbrook, 71; Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, 59; Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, 84; General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, 72; Sir Anthony Jolliffe, former Lord Mayor of London, 55; Dr Tommy Kemp, physician and rugby player,

Mark Knopfler, the singer, is 44 today

78; Mr Norris McWhirter, founder editor, *Guinness Book of Records*, 68; Mr Floris Maljers, joint chairman, Unilever NV, 60; Sir Robin Nicholson, metallurgist, 59; Lord Renton, QC, 85; Mr Pete Sampras, tennis player, 22; Mr Peter West, sports commentator, 73; Professor Graham Zellick, principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College, 45.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Bewick, engraver, Newcastle, 1753; King George IV, reigned 1820-30, London, 1762; Robert Southey, Poet Laureate 1813-43, Bristol, 1774; Sir Joseph Barnby, composer, York, 1838; Jacinto Benavente, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1866; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer, Ashfield, Massachusetts, 1881; Erwin Schrodinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1887.

DEATHS: Nahum Tate, Poet Laureate 1692-1715, London, 1715; Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, committed suicide, North Gray Place, Kent, 1822; William Blake, poet and artist, London, 1827; George Stephenson, builder of 'The Rocket', Tapton, Derbyshire, 1848; Sir William Jackson Hooker, 1st Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1841-65, London, 1865; James Lowell, poet and diplomat, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1891; Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld, Arctic explorer and geologist, Dalbyö, Sweden, 1901; John Philip Holland, submarine pioneer, Newark, New Jersey, 1914; Arthur Griffith, Irish statesman, Dublin, 1922; Leos Janacek, composer, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 1928; Thomas Mann, novelist, Nobel laureate 1929, Zurich, 1955; Ian Fleming, creator of 'James Bond', Canterbury, 1964; Professor Sir Ernst Chain, biochemist, Nobel laureate 1945, Ireland, 1979; Henry Fonda, actor, Los Angeles, 1982.

Thomas Alva Edison made the first sound recording onto a foil-wrapped cylinder on the Edisonphone, 1887.

The first Model T Ford was produced, 1908.

Archaeology

1,000-year-old garden is flower of Chinese finds

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

CHINESE archaeologists have announced their "top ten" discoveries of last year from more than 500 excavation projects across the country. They range from the Stone Age more than 40,000 years ago to a garden of the Song Dynasty a millennium old.

The sites include a village of 6,000-5,000 BC on the steppe of Inner Mongolia, an early city in Hunan, and tombs of the Han period from Yunnan in the far southwest of China. Richly stocked tombs of the marquises of Jin, dating to the Zhou Dynasty in the first millennium BC are also included in the list.

The village site of Xinglongwa in Inner Mongolia, excavated last summer, had houses dug partly into the ground for warmth and economy of building materials, and laid out on neat rows within a moat. Later expansion outside the defences suggested more peaceful times. One tomb included two entire pigs, presumably food for the afterlife, while jade ornaments from this burial may be the oldest Chinese jades yet known.

The moated city, covering 190 acres, found in Li County in Hunan dates to 2600 BC, several centuries before the emergence of Bronze Age civilization under the Shang Dynasty.

The seven Jin tombs excavated at Beizhao in Shanxi province included two large pits filled with grave goods. Horses and chariots and sacrificial pits were found around the tombs, recalling the impressive series of offerings found in recent years at the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang Di, who died in 210 BC. Nothing like his famous "pottery army" has yet been found in this earlier period, however.

Han Dynasty tombs of the period between 200 BC and AD 200 from Zhujiang in Anhui province, inland from Shanghai, yielded a rare set of carpenter's tools and lacquerware decorated with gold, silver and jade.

The most recent of the "top ten" is a garden in the ancient capital of Luoyang on the Yellow River. Dating to the Northern Song dynasty 1,000 years ago, the remains include ponds, paths and pavilions documenting the grace of such gardens, best known from scroll paintings of the time.

Wood artefacts saved

A NATIONAL centre for wood conservation has been set up by English Heritage and the York Archaeological Trust (Norman Hammond writes).

"The centre is treating finds from the Bronze Age to 19th century railway sleepers destined for the National Railway Museum.

"We can deal with anything from small wooden artefacts to structural timbers four metres long," Jim Spriggs, the trust's head of conservation, said. "We place the finds in heated tanks of polyethylene glycol wax to replace lost cell matter and then use accelerated freeze-drying to take out the excess water. This can reduce the whole conservation process on large timbers from three years to one."

The conservation facilities, set up to deal with the many waterlogged wooden finds from Viking-age excavations in York (many of them now displayed in the Jorvik Viking Centre), are treating material from Wales and Ireland as well as from English sites.

Engineering Council

European Engineers' Awards

The British National Committee for International Engineering Affairs announces that the following have been awarded the qualification European Engineer:

B O Abah, P G Allan, R Anderson, L R Armstrong, L Arnall, G Astin, C Atkins, R Attill, L Austin, J Azimraleyat, S Baldwin, J Bamber, A Barber, N Bardell, A Barlow, S Barnes, A N Barratt, R Barter, C Bartlett, A Bates, G Baxter, C Beevers, M Bell, A Bell, A Billingham, G M Boothman, A M Botterill, P D W Bottomley, S Briggs, D Brown, A V Bryant, P Budgen, J Bunting.

E Camilleri, J Carr, S Carritt, N F Cave, A Cavendish-Tribe, W Y Chan, V Chapman, M Chater, M Chuahan, D Chen, R Chivers, A J Chudley, H Cole, M F Collins, R J Cook, M J Cotter, B J Cox, M Davies, M R B Davis, P Davison, C Dawes, D Dawson, S Dawson, C J E Ducker, B G Duckworth, C J Edwards, R Edwards, J A C Evans, G J Evans, M Fairweather, P Falconer, D F A Felce, J Fieldhouse, P D Fisher, M J Flanagan, D Foster, G J Franklin.

A A Garside, D Gibbins, R A Gibson, J Gilfeather, D Grant, A Griffin, J J Haldane, S Hall, A C Hall, G Hallam, S D Hallett, M Harden, R Harris, B Hatton, E Henry, M R Hooper, C Hopton, R Howden, W K Howells, D C Hughes, J W K Hui, A Isherwood, N W Jackson, R Jain, D Jarrett, P Johnson, W G Jones, D Jones, A Jones, J W Joyce.

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J Nicholls, P Novak, D Oliver, A P Olpin, K Opstad, J M Oscroft, S Overton, A F O'Brian, B O'Dwyer, I P Page, J Palmer, B Palmer, F J Parker, J Parker, J Patel, S J Penney, J A Penny, M Phillips, P Plumb, J M Rawlinson, K M Reed, I C Reid, P Ribeiro, A Robinson, A Roche, R Rodwell, W H Ross, P Rotheram.

R Salthouse, K Sears, C Seepersaud, R E Sellix, R C Shah, M Shute, P Skittides, I D Smith, R M Smith, A Sofroniou, H Speed, A R Spence, M Sprei, A Stannett, G Stewart, B W Stones, B F Stoneystreet, D H Sumner, G Sweeney, D Tee, J Tellett, M Terry, M H Thompson, I Titchell, A Topp, C E Tradaway.

W Venn, R Vikram, S G Wainwright, H Walter, H Ward, M Whewell, P I Whitehill, A Whitfield, C Wild, B T Wild, N Wilkinson, R I Williams, S Williams, D A Woltram, N Woodfine, M Wyllie, M Zaki, G Ziadat.

Oriel College, Oxford

The Prime Minister, the Right Hon John Major, MP, officially opened the Charles William Harris Building at Oriel College on Tuesday, August 10. The building, which provides additional accommodation and lecture theatres, has been made possible by a benefaction from Sir Philip and Lady Harris in memory of Sir Philip's father, Captain Charles William Harris, MC.

The Provost of Oriel, the Rev Dr E.W. Nicholson, presided at a luncheon in the College Hall. Among the guests were Sir Philip and Lady Harris, Sir Harry and Lady Djanogly, Mr and Mrs Michael Garston, Mr and Mrs Hugh Sykes, Sir Bryan and Lady Nicholson, Mr and Mrs John Pantin, Mr and Mrs Brian Steed, Mr and Mrs Roger Heyhoe, Sir Peter Emery and Mr Harry Clark.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.D.B. Barlow and Miss M.E. Kimpton

The engagement is announced between David, second son of Sir John and Lady Barlow, of Bulkeley, Cheshire, and Melissa, daughter of Mr Andrew Kimpton, of Tarrington, Herefordshire, and Mrs Kathleen Kimpton, of Chelsea, London.

Mr G.W. Giles and Miss G. Snowball

The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of Mrs R. Giles and the late Mr A.W.P. Giles, of East Boldon, Tyne and Wear, and Gillian, younger daughter of Mrs M.L. Snowball and the late Mr E. Snowball, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Mr P.J. Granger and Miss M.S. Cracroft

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Dr and Mrs D.E. Granger, of Stromboli, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, and Miranda, twin daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs P.K. Cracroft, of Tretower House, Crickhowell, Powys.

Mr R.A. Pilkington and Miss K.T. Clemence

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Sir Thomas and Lady Pilkington, of King's Walden, Bury, Hertfordshire, and Katya, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Clemence, of Wilton Crescent, Belgravia, London.

Mr S.R. Smith and Miss J.S. Coombe

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Rodney Smith, of Ripon, North Yorkshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Coombe, of Mayford, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr J.C. Needs and Miss C.S.J. Mottershead

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 7, at St Peter's, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol, between Mr Jonathan Cary Needs, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Cary Needs, of Foxe Road, Frampton Cotterell, and Miss Candida Sarah Jane Mottershead, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Mottershead, of Hill Court, Congresbury. Canon Richard Bennell officiated.

Amateur unearths hill fort

AN AMATEUR archaeologist has discovered an Iron Age hillfort in the Pennines (Norman Hammond writes).

Using the clue of a place name, Conksbury, which included the "burh" element often signifying a fortified place, Mr G. A. Makepeace carried out a field search and located the remains of the fort.

It lies southeast of Buxton, on a narrow limestone ridge overlooking Lathkill Dale, and covers 10 acres. The main ramparts cross the ridge, while those that run along the valley crests are much lower.

Later enclosure walls built over the ramparts masked them but there was good evidence of a rock-cut ditch and limestone block bank on the western side, where the rampart still stands 5ft high.

"The discovery of this hillfort, alongside other recently identified defended enclosures, has changed the map of the Peak District for the later prehistoric periods," Mr Makepeace says in the Prehistoric Society's newsletter, *Past*.

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BIRTHS

BARTON - On July 31st, to Frances (née Emrys-Roberts) and Henry, a daughter, Jessica Susan.

BOSCAWEN - On August 9th, to Frances (née Rous) and Charles, a son.

BUDENBERG - On August 8th 1993, to Jacqueline (née Purcell) and Robin, a daughter, Flora Diana, a sister for Charlie.

CHAMBERS - On August 10th 1993, to Belinda (née Johnson) and Robert, a son, Charles Robert, a brother for Nicholas and Serena.

COLE - On 8th August, to Jackie and Tim, a son, Thomas Felix, a brother to Harriet, Cecily and Imogen.

CURTIS-STEVENS - On Friday 23rd July 1993, to Leuchia and Wayne, God's precious gift of a son, George David.

dos SANTAS - On 19th July, to Emma (née Edgedale) and Orlando, a daughter, Charlotte Maria Elizabeth, a sister for Freddy and Ella.

EASTON - On 3rd August in Chester, to Jonathan and Ayse, a daughter, Emily Emine.

FAULL - On August 7th, to Clare and Barnaby, a daughter, Isabella Ottilie Rose, a brother to Freddie and Theo.

BIRTHS

FORD - On Saturday 31st July 1993 at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Deborah (née Page) and Tony, a son, Michael John Anthony, a brother for Amy.

GREEN - On August 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Harriet and Bob, a son, Thomas Robert. Mother and son are both well.

HALLAM - On July 19th, to Amanda (née Guy) and Robin, a son, James, a brother for Nathalie.

HARRISON - On August 11th, to Daphne (née Markham) and Trevor, God's gift of a son, Robert Trevor Markham, a brother for Louise, Emily and William.

MEGHJI - On August 9th at the Wellington Hospital, to Shaheen and Mohsin, a beautiful baby boy, a brother for Huseln.

O'NEA - On August 1st, to Emma (née Goldsmith) and Paul, a son, Ignatius John, a brother for Henry, Hermione and Chloe.

PRAMUDIA - On 31st July at the Wellington Hospital, to Lia and Iwan, beautiful twin daughters, Prameswari Annisa Sastiya and Paramita Aliyah Danastri, sisters for Dhera.

RENOUF - On August 7th, to Caroline and Gerard, a daughter, Lydia.

ROSS - On August 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Sophie (née Mirman) and Richard, a daughter, Victoria Louise, a sister for Natasha and William.

DEATHS

CUTHBERT - Diana Daphne (née Holman-Hunt), died bravely at home on August 10th after a long and painful illness borne with great fortitude, aged 79. Cremation private. Memorial Celebration to be announced.

DRUMMOND-HAY - The Lady Margaret, peacefully at Hilton Lodge Nursing Home, Haddington, on 10th August 1993, aged 85, daughter of the 13th Duke of Hamilton, loving mother of Jane, Annell, Kirsty, Nisa, Andrew, the late Malcolm and the late David and loved and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Mary's Parish Church, Haddington, on Saturday 14th August at 10 am and thereafter at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh at 11 am. Flowers to Wood & Hay, Funeral Directors, 43 Court Street, Haddington. Service of Thanksgiving and interment from Seggieden. Details to be announced later.

ELIOT - On 8th August 1993, peacefully in hospital, Margaret, much respected curator of Dr. Johnson's House, 17 Gough Square, London.

FRANCIS - On August 9th, peacefully at home, Group Captain Geoffrey Francis D.S.O., D.F.C., R.A.F. (Rtd.). Most dearly loved by Joan and all the family. Private funeral. A Service in his memory will be held in St Thomas' Parish Church, Lymington, on Wednesday September 15th at 3 pm. Family flowers. Donations, if wished, for the R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons, Lymington, Hants.

DEATHS

HARRISON - On August 8th 1993, after a strong and courageous fight against cancer, Col. John Harrison late of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, aged 81 years. Beloved husband of Winifred and dearly loved father of his deceased daughter Patricia and surviving children Pamela and John. Memorial service at All Saints Church, Datchworth, Hertfordshire at 12 noon August 25th. Family flowers only please, but donations would be most welcome. These will be paid to the Lister Hospital ward in which he was treated. Payable to North Herts. NHS Trust and sent to Mrs W.M. Harrison, Clibbons Cottage, Bulls Green, Datchworth, Herts. SG3 6SA.

HICKMAN - On August 10th 1993, peacefully at the General Hospital, Jersey, Norman Norwood, in his 84th year, beloved husband of the late Mary Germaine Hickman and loving father of Antony, Richard, Peter and Mary. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations in lieu to The R.N.L.I. c/o Hon. Treasurer, PO Box 739, St Helier, Jersey JE4 8ZZ.

JAGELMAN - On Monday August 9th, peacefully at his Fort Lauderdale, Florida, home after a short illness borne with courage. David Gordon, surgeon. He is survived by his devoted wife Ann; children Sally, Jane, Richard and Amanda, all of Fort Lauderdale; and his sister Ann Archibald, and brother Patrick, both of London. Donations, if desired, may be made to Cleveland Clinic Florida's Colorectal Research Fund, 3000 W. Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, USA.

DEATHS

LAVERACK - Maureen and Mike in Queensland, Australia on 28th July 1993. Funeral Service to be held at Boarhills Church, near St Andrews, on Saturday 14th August at 11am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Educational Trusts to be arranged. Joint memorial service will be held during October in St Andrews.

MACLEAN - Eileen Constance Chaldecott (née Morphy) on August 9th, aged 88 years. Dearly loved widow of Norman, and much loved mother of Robert and Mary and grandmother of Sarah and Caroline. Funeral on Wednesday 18th August at 11.30 am at Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 29 Coombe Road, Kingston, Surrey. tel: (081) 546-4813.

MAYER - On August 7th 1993, in her sleep, at Rivendell, Swinford, Margot, aged 86, widow of Paul Mayer. 'For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? Sorely missed by her children Rayner and Ann, daughter-in-law Pauline, son-in-law David and grandchildren David, Helen, James, Katie and Jacqui. Cremation at Canley Crematorium, Coventry, on Monday August 16th at 1pm. No flowers. Donations to the RNIB, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1.

McNEILE - On 10th August, at home, Christine, beloved wife of Mac, much loved mother of Charles and Fiona, loved sister of Jay and loved grandmother and aunt. Funeral at Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, on Tuesday 17th August at 2.30pm. Afterwards private committal. Funeral Directors E. Sargeant & Son, Windsor, (07753) 865982.

DEATHS

MONTGOMERY - Petia Willson. Beloved mother of Caroline, Nigel and David. Peacefully in her sleep. Nanyuki Kenya 11th August.

PINFOLD - Dorothy Elsie Maud passed peacefully away at St Anthony's Hospital on 9th August 1993.

PROSSER - Maria Magdalena of London, Ealing, peacefully on August 7th. Her energy, good humour and generosity will be deeply missed and always remembered by all. Survivors devoted and beloved husband Jack, loving son Peter, two daughters and granddaughter. Family and friends far and near. Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11, on August 17th at 11 am. Family flowers or donations if desired to Cancer Research.

RYAN - On August 10th, peacefully at St Faiths Nursing Home, Cheltenham, Mary Wilford aged 78, adored wife of Dick and much loved Mother of Rosemary, Shelagh and Teddy and sadly missed Granny of Pierre, Tom, Marco, Patrick and Jo. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium on Monday August 16th. Family only, flowers if desired to W.S. Trenhaile, 174 Bath Road, telephone: (0242) 224897.

SCORGIE - Jack (John Milne), beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully on 7th August 1993, his wife and children were by his side. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 11.30 am on Tuesday 17th August.

DEATHS

SHEPHERD - Peacefully at University College Hospital on 10th August after a short illness. Harry James, beloved husband of Helena, father of Beryl, father-in-law of Ian and dear Opa of Alan, Helene and Alistair. Cremation New Southgate, Brunswick Park Road, N11, Wednesday 18th August at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations to New Masonic Samaritan Fund c/o W. Jackson, 86 Falmouth Gardens, Redbridge IG4 5JL or to South Bromley Hospiscare, Orpington Hospital BR6 9JU.

TETT - Anthony John, on August 9th at Mount Vernon Hospital. Husband of Elsa, father of Martin. Funeral at Ruislip Crematorium 2.30pm Tuesday 17th August.

WESTERN - On August 10th suddenly but peacefully at Mount Alvernia, Sylvia Mary aged 85 years, adored wife of John, much loved mother of Gillian and Felicity and grandmother (Ca) of Lucinda, Joanna, Jonathan and Nicola. Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Shalford, on Tuesday 17th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Action Research or British Heart Foundation c/o Aylings, 25 South Road Guildford. tel: (0483) 67333.

WILLSON - See Montgomery.

WILMOT - On August 8th 1993, peacefully at home, Manon, in her 82nd year. Much loved mother of Charles and John and grandmother and great-grandmother to Andrew, Jeremy, Caroline, Charlotte, Lucinda and Toby James. Funeral Service at The Kent & Sussex Crematorium on Tuesday August 17th at 12.30 pm. Enquiries please to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 656000.

DEATHS

YATES - On 10th August 1993 at Alvechurch in his 90th year, Henry Bertram Yates OBE, dearly loved husband of the late Barbara, father of Rosemary, Rodney and Brian and grandfather of Mark, Duncan, Camilla, Benjamin and Justin. Funeral Holy Trinity Church, The Lickey. Tuesday 17th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OBITUARIES

JOHN CARROLL

John Carroll, MBE, organiser of poetry recitals, died in London on August 5 aged 69. He was born on September 8, 1923.

THOUGH no poet himself, John Carroll gave much pleasure both to enthusiasts and to those who do not find easy access to poetry, through the programmes of readings he organised over a period of forty years.

At a series of venues such as the Mercury Theatre, Notting Hill; the Edinburgh Festival; Stratford upon Avon; and latterly and most notably the Orangery at Kenwood House, London, he was able to employ the finest reading talents on the British stage to bring the verse of his choice to audiences of poetry lovers. Indeed his appointment as MBE in the Birthday Honours of this year made special reference to "services to poetry at Kenwood".

Yet the circumstances of his early life were highly unpropitious to a career in the arts, rubbing shoulders with the stars of the theatrical world. His childhood was an indigent affair. His father had died when he was five and for the next ten years he and his mother eked out a living in which poverty was never far away.

From this state of affairs they were rescued by the generosity of a benefactor who employed her as a domestic and took Carroll into his business. Though he had absolutely no interest in commercial activity, Carroll stuck at the business for eight years, out of sheer gratitude to his employer.

His translation to a more exalted plane of living came by accident. During a period of illness he found himself in hospital at the same time as Sir Edward Marsh, the civil servant and patron of the arts who had been proselytiser for the "Georgian" school of poets. Marsh's volumes of anthology, *Georgian Poetry*, had played an important role in defining the public taste in poetry from 1912, when the first one appeared, and throughout the first world war. Arguably, they perpetuated Victorian values at a time when those could no longer be sustained as imperial Europe tore itself apart — but that no longer mattered at the point he encountered Carroll, many years later. Marsh's kindly benevolence towards the arts made him warm to the young enthusiast and he took Carroll under his wing.

Marsh's patronage gained Carroll introduction to the leading lights in PEN; he was elected to the council of the Poetry Society; he was invited to join the Apollo Society, which had been founded during the war by Peggy Ashcroft and George Rylands. He was soon organising his first professional poetry programmes, at the Mercury Theatre and at the National Portrait Gallery. Marsh also introduced Carroll to Christopher Hassall who had founded the Stratford upon Avon Poetry Festival in 1954 and now asked Carroll to help him with its organisation.

Carroll subsequently took over as director and organised the festival until 1960. When Peggy Ashcroft left the board of directors of the Apollo Society to become its president, Carroll replaced her and for many years organised its programmes throughout the country. He also arranged recitals for Princess Grace of Monaco, with whom he toured America, and devised a "ghost" programme for the Queen Mother at Glamis.

His accessibility endeared him to many members of the acting profession and he could count on such luminaries as Ralph Richardson, Sybil Thorndike, Peggy Ashcroft, Margaret Rutherford and Judi Dench as his readers. This greatly added to the breadth and entertainment value of his programmes.

In the early 1960s Carroll joined the Company of Nine which had been founded by Rumer Godden. Named after the nine muses, it also had nine members, of whom Hassall was one. Included in its diverse activities were lunchtime recitals at Foyles Bookshop which were intended to help promote young poets. Among those who contributed were John Betjeman and Christopher Fry. It also organised Britain's first readings of black verse, at the Royal Court Theatre, London, put on recitals at the Edinburgh Festival and staged the spring and summmer Sunday evening programmes at Kenwood House, in north London.

When the Company of Nine was disbanded Carroll carried triumphantly on with the Kenwood programmes. He bequeathed his collection of books, many of the modern ones signed by their authors, to the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust of the Shakespeare Centre where they are to be known as the John Carroll Collection. His personal papers, which include letters from actors and actresses, are to be given to the Theatre Department of the British Library.

John Carroll was unmarried.

Jose Trinidad Villa Casas

JOSE Trinidad Villa Casas, the last surviving son of Mexico's legendary revolutionary general "Pancho" Villa, died in an apparent suicide on July 28 aged 78.

Villa Casas, a veteran member of the Mexico state judicial police, was suffering from cancer and was found dead on the floor of his office in Tlalnepantla, a Mexico City suburb, having apparently shot himself in the head.

His father, Francisco Villa, joined the revolt against the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz in 1910, forming his own revolutionary army in his native northern state of Chihuahua.

In 1915 Francisco Villa staged a raid into Columbus, New Mexico. In retaliation, General John Pershing led a US Army force into Mexico to find him. Pershing's men stayed until 1917 without finding Villa, thus contributing to his growing legend. On July 20, 1923, however, he was ambushed and assassinated by a rival.

MILTON O. THOMPSON

Milton O. Thompson looks over his M-2 "Flying Bathtub" glider at Edwards Air Force Base, California

Milton O. Thompson, a Nasa test pilot who played a crucial role in the development of the American space shuttle, died in Lancaster, California, on August 6 aged 67. He was born in Crookston, Minnesota, on May 4, 1926.

THERE had never been anything quite like the M-2 — the "Flying Bathtub" glider in which Milton Thompson was dropped from high altitude above California's Edwards Air Force Base in August 1963. For a start, it had no wings. Scientists working for the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, searching for ways to bring a manned spacecraft safely back to earth, had calculated that wings would be an unnecessary hindrance.

Instead, the M-2 was designed with a "lifting body," generating lift and aerodynamic stability from the shape of its fuselage. This was fine in theory: it was left to Milton Thompson to risk his neck in proving it. Luckily for all concerned the experiment was successful, and the M-2 is now on display in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington.

Three years later Thompson was at the controls of a heavyweight version of the lifting body, the success of which led directly to the design of the space shuttle. Thompson had only himself to blame for this risky assignment. As a member of Nasa's Space Transportation System Technology Steering Committee he had led the effort to design space shuttles for unpowered landings, instead of burdening them with the added weight of engines that could operate in earth's atmosphere.

He had had considerable experience of coming down without power, having been one of 12 test pilots assigned to fly the famous X-15 rocket-powered research aircraft. Thompson flew 14 missions in the X-15, reaching a maximum speed of 3,723 miles an hour, and an altitude of 214,100 feet — from which he glided to earth when the rocket fuel was exhausted. But at least the X-15 had wings, albeit very small ones.

In 1966 the Society of Experimental Test Pilots awarded Thompson its Iven C. Kincheloe trophy for outstanding piloting skills for his research flights in the M-2.

Trained as a US Navy pilot during the second world war, Thompson flew as a crop duster and forest fire-fighter in the postwar years before joining the Boeing Aircraft Company as a flight test engineer. In 1956, he moved to Nasa's Dryden Flight Research Centre at Edwards Air Force Base, where he flew as a test pilot until 1968.

He might have made it into space, having been selected in 1962 to fly the X-20 DynaSoar — an ambitious US Air Force project to launch a man into orbit and return with an aircraft-style landing. But the X-20 was cancelled before it had chance to fly.

At the time of his death Thompson was chief engineer at the Dryden facility, and was to have been honoured by his colleagues at a dinner on the night that he was taken suddenly ill and died.

He is survived by five children.

CECILIA PARKER

Cecilia Parker, Hollywood film actress, died in Ventura, California, on July 25 aged 88. She was born in Fort William, Canada, on April 26, 1905.

THE daughter of a British army officer, Cecilia Parker became one of Hollywood's most popular leading ladies in the 1930s.

She was trained at the Toronto Academy of Music as an opera singer but the roles she was called upon to play when she went to Hollywood in 1931 were a far cry from the opera stage. There she found herself cast as the heroine in a series of westerns and action pictures, ranging from *Mystery Ranch* to *The Lost Jungle*, and had a small part in *The Painted Veil*.

It was steady work, if hardly inspiring, and Parker was appearing in two, sometimes three, films a year until her big break came in 1937. It was then that she joined Mickey Rooney in *A Family Affair*, the first of the "Andy Hardy" series of movies which appeared over the next 21 years.

Based on a modest Broadway success by Aurania Rouverol called *Skidding*, it was the story of Judge Hardy and his small-town family. Playing the role of Rooney's older sister, Marion, Parker became a fixture in the series which enjoyed great success at the box office.

The films included *Judge Hardy's Children*, *Love Finds Andy Hardy* — which outgrossed other 1938 releases that cost ten times as much — and *The Courtship of Andy Hardy*. The pair last appeared together in *Andy Hardy Comes Home*, produced in 1958.

In 1938 she married the young actor Richard Baldwin. He survives her, together with their two sons and daughter.

Parker, left, with Greta Garbo in *The Painted Veil*

HENRI PHARAON

Henri Pharaon, a former Lebanese foreign minister, was found murdered in a Beirut hotel on August 6. He was born in 1902.

THE son of a wealthy Greek Catholic family and educated at the Jesuit University of Beirut and in Switzerland, Henri Pharaon studied law in France and also inherited a family fortune.

He augmented his wealth by commercial activities, including running Beirut port, and a leading bank. He was thus able to indulge his artistic and sporting tastes, with the result that his house in Beirut became something of a museum of objets d'art and he himself became prominent as a horse breeder and as a social leader.

Almost alone, however, amongst the socialites of the "Sursok Quarter" of Beirut, he also took a keen interest in politics. His home was a gathering place for leading Lebanese personalities regardless of religion and political persuasion.

Pharaon was active in the campaign to win Lebanon's independence from France in 1943 and was later elected to parliament. In 1945 he became minister for foreign affairs in succession to Selim Takla and held the portfolio on a number of subsequent occasions.

Pharaon was a committed nationalist. In 1958, during the political conflict which split the Lebanon between the pro-western supporters of the president, Camille Chamoun, and his pro-Nasser, pan-Arab opponents, Pharaon participated in the formation of a "third force" which opposed both the re-election of the president for a second term of office — a particular issue in the dispute — and the involvement of Lebanon with Nasser's Egypt, which at that time was calling itself the United Arab Republic and zealously pursuing the pan-Arab dream. The "third force" group played a part in the solution finally reached by which Chamoun was replaced by a "neutral" president.

Pharaon himself was not, however, offered a post in the "neutral" cabinet formed thereafter and from then onwards gradually withdrew from politics to devote himself to his private affairs.

He was a collector of Byzantine and early Christian antiquities, Islamic art and Chinese porcelain with which he filled his palatial home in Beirut.

He refused to be driven out by the fighting that divided the city between 1975 and 1990 and lived for the day when the city's horseracing track could resume its meetings in peace.

At 21 he married Nawalli Kassar a Palestinian heiress with whom he had a son, Naji, who survives him.

JACK DWYER

John Dwyer Rice, dancer and actor, died in Southampton on August 3 aged 90. He was born in Southsea, Hampshire, on August 6, 1902.

JACK DWYER had the good fortune to step into a leading song and dance role which had been created at the London Hippodrome in 1926 by Jack Buchanan in a stage musical called *Sunny*. When Buchanan, who had also produced the show, left it eighteen months later to begin work on another musical, *That's A Good Girl*, Dwyer took on the role of Jim Demming in a touring production of *Sunny*. Many critics thought him as good as his illustrious predecessor; the public obviously agreed and the musical played to full houses up and down the country. As a result several towns billed Dwyer as their favourite comic. He considered this especially strange in the case of Wigan, as he only played there once.

Dwyer left *Sunny* in 1930, joining another stage production, *Here Comes the Bridge*, for a year. He was then due to be featured in the British production of the Broadway smash hit, *Fifty Million Frenchmen*. The show was to play in the provinces, and was then scheduled to move to the West End. If it had done so it would have made Jack Dwyer a major star but other successful productions held it back and it was eventually abandoned.

Although born in Southsea, Jack Dwyer went to school in London, where his father, a shore-based naval officer, had been transferred. The family moved back to Portsmouth where at 16 Dwyer started an apprenticeship as a shipwright at the Portsmouth Dockyard. At the same time he started regularly attending musical shows at the Kings Theatre, Southsea, which was only around the corner from his house. He was spellbound by what he saw. He regularly found himself tapping along to the songs, and started memorising the routines. After every show, he would go home, roll up the carpet and practise tap dancing on the floor boards.

He and four of his friends put together a show, which they took around the surrounding villages. With the money he received from this, he arranged to attend the Florence Ettinger dance school in London every Saturday. He was the only male in the whole school.

He eventually received his shipwright's certificate but promptly quite the dockyards, never to return. He tried out for the Police but was rejected on medical grounds. Instead he went full-time into showbusiness. He and the girls at the dance school put on a show for the parents of the pupils. It received a standing ovation and although Dwyer did not know it, Robert Courtneidge, a producer of stage shows, was present. He hired Dwyer on the spot for a musical called *Little Nelly Kelly*.

While he was with the show, reviews started picking out Dwyer as a definite talent, with a somewhat bizarre dance routine which prompted several critics to wonder if he had double jointed hips. He was also receiving praise for his comical acting, which carried on when he stepped into the Jack Buchanan role in *Sunny*.

After *Sunny* Dwyer starred in a show called *Mrs Bluebird*, which provoked a letter in one film magazine comparing him to a blend of Clark Gable, Robert Montgomery and John Boles. At this point Dwyer started to feature in small film roles. These included parts in *The Man Without a Face*, a Radio Pictures film, and *Shape of Things to Come*.

The second world war brought his acting career to a close, however. He married and joined the Territorial Army. He was commissioned, eventually serving in West Africa and Egypt. He returned to England and became a furniture sales manager. He and his family moved to Canada in 1952, where he worked for Ontario Hydro until 1958 when he returned to England.

When he retired he took up painting, specialising in seascapes. He spent his last years living in Bournemouth.

He is survived by his wife, Bridget (Biddy), a son and a daughter.

RABBI MAYER GRUNBURG

Rabbi Mayer Grunburg, a prominent Talmudic and biblical scholar who helped save many Jews from the Nazis in his native Czechoslovakia, died on August 4 aged 83.

MAYER Grunburg, whose congregation was in Brooklyn's Borough Park neighbourhood, served as associate chief justice of the Rabbinical Court of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, an Orthodox group of about 500 rabbis and deans.

During the second world war he helped save over 2,000 Jews by finding them work in tanneries, or by hiding them in bunkers in his home and synagogue in Nikolash, Czechoslovakia, to avoid their being used for slave labour.

For ten years before the war Grunburg served as chief rabbi of Nikolash, near the border with Poland, and served in that same role in Kayzmark, Czechoslovakia, from 1945 to 1949.

Grunburg's father had been chief rabbi of the latter city for 27 years before him, and his grandfather for 44 years prior to that. Grunburg is survived by two children, 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, many of them rabbis.

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CARDINAL NEWMAN

A great man has passed away: a great link with the past has been broken. Last evening, after a very short illness, Cardinal Newman died at the Oratory, Edgbaston. Thus enviably closes a most noteworthy life; a life that in itself sums up in the best and most attractive way one side of the religious life of the century. At ninety years of age, full of years, full of honour but not of honours, in the obscurity of his almost private home, the great man receives the last summons and quietly obeys. A most interesting chapter of our history closes with his death, and a life that bears strange testimony to the permanence of certain types in human nature becomes a part of the past. Once more the world is reminded of the degree in which respect and love still attach to the saintly life, when it is coupled with one or another kind of intellectual leadership. Cardinal Newman is literally the last of his generation. Many of his old friends and colleagues he has long survived; others have but lately passed away; but he, to all appearance the most fragile of all, has remained till now ...

Now, for many years, all Englishmen have vied in rendering the proper homage, what ever it might be, or whatever its worth, to the most conspicuous and interesting name in our theological or literary annals. Unless it be on some rare occasions and instances, Newman was singularly free from the weaknesses and misfortunes that so often make polemics a plague and literature a grief. There are great and even good men who repel sympathy, and even forfeit it; Newman could not do either. With all his faults - for all have faults - England has loved him still. Will even the next generation read Newman's now voluminous works? Every work of man is measured by its results. The narrow range of human power and opportunity has to be taken into account. Near home, we have frequent and melancholy experiences of the fate that may await the fruits of industry and genius. As one hour succeeds another, important matter has to give way to the latest arrival, and has to be first minished, and then, perhaps, finally squeezed out of our columns. Over every library, volume by volume, over all lands, may be written the warning not to work for posterity, but for the present day, and for those that share it with us.

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The Times devoted more than 10,000 words to the life of John Henry Newman, who was, in fact, aged 89 when he died. Below are the opening words of the leading article and the closing words of his obituary

Executives using schemes such as Air Miles are worried they may be charged on this perk, **David Churchill** writes

Frequent flyers still fear tax

Fears persist that business travellers could be taxed on frequent flyer schemes. Increasingly, many executives are taking advantage of this perk to take holidays for themselves and their families.

Although the tax authorities have, in the past, taken the view that frequent flyer programmes are not taxable for individuals — because they are not a direct benefit arising from their employment — the travel industry is worried that the Inland Revenue could take a tougher line.

"One of the biggest issues facing frequent flyers in the UK is the interest being shown in such programmes by the Inland Revenue," says Bill Kirkwood, marketing director for Thomas Cook Travel Management. "This could have a dramatic effect on their attractiveness as a perk."

It is a fear which the Inland Revenue says is unjustified. This week a spokesman said that, at the moment, it has no plans to change the existing rules. The government's determination to review all aspects of both its own expenditure and income from all sources is, however, still worrying those involved.

A survey by Thomas Cook of about 200 frequent flyers has found that more than a third regularly take advantage of the free flights totted up as a result of flying on business.

There is a growing trend for business travellers when overseas to add on a short vacation by using their airline mileage points.

Popular destinations for these side-trips often include a purpose-built resort hotel — such as the four "fantasy" resorts operated by Hyatt on Hawaii for travellers to the West Coast of America, or Caribbean islands including Jamaica and St Lucia. The availability of good golf courses is usually of prime consideration.

Air Miles, which is 51 per cent owned by British Airways and is the largest European-based operator of frequent flyer programmes, reports that the long-haul free-flight trips are usually taken up by executives.

"They have accumulated their Air Miles from business travel trips and so are in a better position to take up the longer flights," an Air Miles spokesman says.

Martin Tyler-Bennett, general manager of International Customer Loyalty Programmes, which has put together a number of airline schemes, says that a quarter of all miles flown by passengers on the world's airlines are through frequent flyer schemes. "There are enough frequent flyer 'miles' in the system worldwide to fill almost 600,000 fully-laiden Jumbos," he says.

Frequent flyer schemes — such as Air Miles, available to British Airways' Executive Club members or Virgin's Freeway — give benefits of free flights and other special offers (hot air ballooning or weekend breaks, for example) to the individual business traveller, even though the flights that earn the benefit are usually paid for by the traveller's company.

In fact, virtually all schemes insist that only the individual can benefit from free flights or other gifts, not the company itself. This ensures that the individual business traveller is motivated to press for flights on a particular airline with which the executive can accrue points towards free travel.

Not surprisingly, this annoys many companies who feel that the choice of airline might not always be the cheapest. To offer a reward to firms as well as individuals, Virgin Atlantic has started a trial scheme which gives small to medium-sized companies 50 per cent of the Freeway points that an individual incurs, in addition to the full points for that individual. "We feel that it is important to give something back to companies as well as individuals in return for choosing to fly with us regularly," says Ruth Blakemore, the head of marketing for Virgin Atlantic.

Other airlines, however, seem reluctant to follow Virgin's move. They do not underestimate the significant pressure an individual can bring to bear on corporate travel policies and believe this is where such schemes can be most effective.

Ian Dockreay, managing director of Official Airline Guides which monitors airline activity, says that the key benefit for executives of frequent flyer schemes is the ability to get free flights for private use, for themselves and their families.

A business traveller says: "I've just come back from a holiday in Spain with my family which was paid for by my Air Miles. I fly a lot for the company throughout the year, so I don't think it's unfair to get something back in this way."

Another executive, from the hotel industry, who travels extensively on flights paid for by his company, agrees. "I've just taken my family to Disney World in Florida for a holiday. If I'd bought the airline tickets it would have cost almost £2,000 for the flights alone," he said. Neither executive, however, wanted to be identified, not only because of the uncertainty over the tax position but also because of the ill-feeling that the free flights can cause with other employees who do not get this benefit.

Although research into the use of frequent flyer schemes in Europe is still in its infancy — Official Airline Guides has just embarked on what is likely to be the biggest study into travellers' flight habits — there is little doubt that executives are taking advantage of the free flights.

Many choose to add on a side trip to a leisure resort in their own time after having completed a regular business trip. This is particularly popular after a long-haul destination such as North America or the Pacific Rim countries.

After Paris, which is the most popular Air Miles destination and "costs" only 450 Air Miles for a return flight, the most popular destinations are New York, Hong Kong and Sydney.

While free flights remain the main attraction for frequent flyers, there is a small but growing trend towards using the programmes for what are termed "lifestyle benefits". Mr Tyler-Bennett, says that many executives can be tired of flying and want something different which they can do without travelling and with their family.

Dream holiday: a trip to the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa Resort and Spa in Hawaii is a popular perk for frequent flyers

A secret peace of Paris

Those in the know travel to the French capital in August for their sightseeing

The cute but horned *Bison Futé* (Crafty Bison) that advises the French which motorways will be jammed with traffic has had to come up with a new category of shambles this year — something even worse than the usual "red" or "orange" day.

The "*journée noire*" in question was identified long in advance as Saturday, July 31; but, as usual, nothing could stop the French from going on holiday — eleven million cars in the baking sun and reports reaching Paris by radio of tailbacks 47 miles long.

For those left in the capital, it was music to the ears. It meant that Paris would again become the secret playground of those in the know; for one month, a friendly, almost generous atmosphere.

Right through August they indulge in ritual conversations of mock-commiseration: "So you're stuck here too! Terrible... but someone has to work!" The barely contained glee does not hide the fact that little serious labour is done in August, and what is done, is always at a leisurely pace.

Suddenly there is no traffic: there are seats galore on the Métro; the queues outside cinemas and inside the supermarkets have vanished; tables are available in the cafés and brasseries, even at lunchtime. Some establishments have closed so owners and staff can partake in the traditional lemming-like rush to the South, but in these recessionary times, more and more are staying open.

Best of all are the streets. Aside from the Champs-Elysées and other first-time tourist traps, the pathways of Paris change overnight.

The Picasso Museum on rue Thorigny is half-empty; the staff are so bored they are asking visitors what country they are from. On the Left Bank, the boulevard Saint Michel is the same as ever — a teeming, jostling mass of sightseers, lining up to buy cheap sweat shirts from dodgy dealers. But the bookshops are open, and after Saint Germain, veering off to the left, is the little-known Métro blind-spot of Paris. No crowds; and just the occasional repeat-student as competition for the best bench in the park.

At dusk, the place to head towards in August is the Bastille. Not for the new opera house, glittering on the spot where revolution once gripped the *sansculottes*, but for rue de la Roquette, and behind it, rue de Lappe. For spectators, it is like a walk through the United Nations building, with music and food, and it is safe.

For the more active, the parties are open to all, and they do not stop until dawn. Here, too, the August ambience has taken hold: it has got too hot to be cool, and if they sleep it off in the morning, well, the boss is away so no one will notice.

Every year now there are articles in the French press about how ridiculous it is for everyone to go on vacation in the same month, about the damage it does to industry, and about the overcrowded beaches. Perhaps the stress-free, uncrowded days of August in Paris are numbered, but given French respect for tradition, it will not happen in a rush.

SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

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Floating in Bangkok

SEVEN nights at the Silom Plaza Hotel, Bangkok, start from £507 per person in September with Somak Travel (081-423 3000). The price includes return flights with Eva Air from Gatwick and a tour of the city's floating markets.

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Proposals for all-year indoor skiing centres may be put on ice

Indoor snow plan melting

PLANS for year-round indoor ski centres based on technology developed by a British company, which says it can produce "real" snow, may be in jeopardy after a financial review by the company's new owners, Welsh Water.

A billion-pound leisure complex on the island of Batam in Singapore is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. It could be followed by others throughout the Middle and Far East using a system which, for the first time, creates alpine-quality snow at what its inventors say is a realistic price.

Acer-Snowmec of Telford has been working for the past three years on an artificial piste and has, by using an underfloor "glacier" and a new form of snow gun, produced proper six-pointed snowflakes which, it says, will be far more realistic and remain longer.

However, Welsh Water, which took over the company earlier this year, has made many of the staff working on the project redundant and says it is in the midst of a "strategic review" which many staff believe could lead to the cancellation of the project. "We are now looking at the project to see how our involvement is working, but so far we have not reached any firm decision," a Welsh Water spokesman said.

Initial plans for a big indoor ski centre in Ashford, Kent, have had to be shelved because of problems with funding, but the inventors are convinced that their project could have a future and transform the way skiers practice during the summer.

Cooled off: indoor project

Normal alpine snow-making guns mix water and compressed air to form a spray of comparatively large water droplets which freeze in the mountain air but produce spherical ice crystals. The new Acer system produces a fine mist mixed with freezing, compressed air. The very fine particles then act as crystals for larger ones, so mimicking the way snow-flakes form in nature.

The building in which the ski runs are housed is kept cold by an artificial glacier beneath the floor. Computers keep this at a temperature of -20C, which maintains the shape of each snow-flake while costing far less than the conventional cooling units which have so far been used in indoor ski centres.

The "glacier" is, in reality, a network of insulating steel tubes lying on a pre-cast concrete slab and covered with a secretly developed surface. This is first soaked with water, which then removes the heat, and as ice forms on the surface it creates a further layer of insulation to make the artificial glacier.

Acer-Snowmec says that slopes of more than 200 metres can be created regardless of the outside temperature to enable skiing, tobogganing, any other mountain activity and ice-skating to take place anywhere in the world. It is also said that the cost both of creating the snow and of maintaining the temperature in the centre is a fraction of other indoor ski centres.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Row brews on flourishing isle

The Isle of Man is fighting its way out of the recession with an 18 per cent rise in visitors over the first six months of this year.

An advertising campaign highlighting the island's rugged hills and quiet beaches, its seven golf courses, its Year of Railways and its potential for family holidays and short breaks, has brought back the tourists who deserted its shores for Mediterranean beaches.

Manx Airlines, which has more than 40 flights, in and out, serving the island every day, has seen an 11 per cent increase for June on last year's figure, and says the trend is "encouraging". Terry Liddiard, the managing director, says: "The Isle of Man is usually a family's second holiday or a long weekend and when money is tight, people give that up. The signs are now that things are improving."

Behind the scenes, however, a dispute has broken out between local people in the island's smallest parish, Bride, and the Manx government over plans for a waste tip on an area of unspoilt coastline.

The government wants to create a 77-acre landfill tip close to the northernmost point of the island, an area designated a site of "high landscape or coastal value and scenic significance", which should not normally be developed.

Environmentalists and residents claim plans for a new golf course and wilderness trail to encourage tourists to visit the area will be scuttled if it is blighted by an unsightly tip. The 420 people who live in the rural farming community protest that the character of their village will be changed for ever by the waste and extra traffic.

The government, however, says that it is necessary to put the tip "far away from population centres" and says that a collective site for the island's waste is overdue.

The plan for the tip at Kerrowdhoo has been opposed by the Manx Green Party and Bride's representative in government, Edgar Quine. They say that transporting the island's waste from the more heavily populated south to the north would be a waste of energy.

The result of a public enquiry is expected in two months. Terry Toohey, chief executive of the department of tourism, leisure and transport, says: "The north of the island is particularly beautiful and it is going to stay that way. We share the concern of the local people in that respect."

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Athletics fans losing the race for championship tickets

Track and field's world championships open tomorrow. But how many seats will be empty?

Sports enthusiasts who have toyed with the idea of going to watch Linford Christie in athletics' world championships in Stuttgart, Germany, next week have been left in their starting blocks: if they have not booked already, they will probably have to be content with watching the events on television.

Like many big sporting events, the athletics championships are now dominated by sponsors, who pay heavily for a glimpse of their name on television and in return take over large numbers of seats in the stadium. Genuine sports fans are therefore left on the sidelines, often galled by seeing television pictures which show many of the sponsors' seats left empty.

Even if, today, athletics buffs decided that, despite all the problems, they still wanted to go to Stuttgart in time for the first events on Saturday, they would be hard-pressed to find a seat on an aircraft; they would have great difficulty in finding any hotel rooms available within 50 miles of the city; and the chances of picking up a ticket for even the morning heats session on just one day would be almost nil.

Despite a stadium capable of accommodating more than 53,000 people on each day of the nine days of competition, the championships became virtually closed to casual visitors months ago. Specialist travel agencies had bought blocks of tickets, which they then offered in packages through advertisements in specialist magazines.

The biggest such company specialising in athletics is Track and Field Tours of Ingatestone, Essex, which was allocated 600 season tickets (covering a number of sessions) after it began making plans to take athletics fans to the event more than two years ago. All the best seats had, however, been set aside for press, officials, VIPs and sponsors, angering those trying to satisfy the demands of the "ordinary" fan.

"It is how the event appears on television and is reported that counts," says David Barnett, the managing director of Track and Field Tours. "The live experience of spectators is secondary. You can't just go to these events on an ad hoc basis." David Gambier, a director of Sports World Travel, says that technically it is still possible to buy individual day tickets direct from the organisers. "But it is now very difficult to find a flight or hotel accommodation."

Centresport Travel, which is taking 200 British athletics supporters to Stuttgart still has "a few cancellations" for daily tickets, costing from £8 to £12 in the cheapest seats and from £38 to £75 a day in the most expensive. Those still determined to try to see the championships could travel by road and camp in the countryside near the city.

Season tickets for the entire event range from £170 to £390 and package tour prices, including flights and hotels, from about £450 to £1,100. The athletics coincides with the peak summer tourist season and a major international horticultural exhibition in Stuttgart which runs until mid-October.

Stuttgart is surrounded by vineyards and is often used as the jumping-off point for visits to the Black Forest, Heidelberg and Lake Constance.

Gottlieb Daimler lived in the city when developing the petrol-driven engine. The city was also the home to the poet Schiller, and Hegel, the philosopher.

Although it is possible to drive to Stuttgart from Britain on fast autobahns, most visitors travel by air. The combination of the athletics championships and the horticultural exhibition has, however, meant that most flights are now fully booked, especially those leaving today and tomorrow (the day of the championships' opening ceremony) and on the following weekend, when the events finish.

Both Lufthansa and British Airways offer reduced economy class fares, with prices ranging from £125 return to £402 in business or club class.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Christie: just the ticket

When in Crete, try to behave like a Cretan

Foreign travel can be dangerous if you disregard local etiquette. **Marianne Curphey** reports

Tourists are being warned that they could end up in prison if they fail to observe social customs in foreign countries. The advice comes amid fears that bad behaviour abroad is getting worse, and after seven British tourists were jailed in as many days for contravening the laws of Greek and Arab governments.

Some British officials in Greece blame cut-price holidays for creating a downmarket trend and encouraging a rowdy element to the country. "It is not a case of the police having a crack down on tourists, but rather that a growing number of people are making a nuisance of themselves," one says. "There are problem spots in Crete, Corfu and Rhodes, and they appear to be getting worse."

The arrests of Britons abroad were highlighted last week when a British mother and her lover were arrested and imprisoned in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, for adultery, because her divorce was not yet finalised. In Amadorae, Crete, Sarah Smith was locked up for three nights "immoral" dancing. Ms Smith, 22, from Sheffield, South Yorkshire, denied acting outrageously, but said that other people at the same nightclub had stripped off and were dancing suggestively.

Later four British men were arrested and imprisoned in Malia, Crete, and charged with swearing, assault and causing a public scandal. The father of one claimed he paid £11,000 to have them released.

According to Doug McKellar, the British consul in Athens, the Greek police have not declared war on tourists, but will respond to complaints from locals who feel their peace has been seriously disturbed. "There is no evidence of a police crack down, but new regulations allowing 24-hour drinking have in part contributed to the problems of rowdy tourists." Mr McKellar says. "Not every bar is open all night, but the facility is there for people. We used to see arrests at around 2am, now it is more like 5am or 6am."

The Foreign Office says that by far the greatest number of arrests of British people in overseas countries last year was in Spain. There, 802 Britons were apprehended for various offences, mostly rowdiness. There were 223 arrests in Greece and 194 in France. Some 63 per cent of the arrests by French police were drug-related. Most of these, a Foreign Office spokesman said, involved smugglers trying to bring illegal substances through France from northern Africa.

Sarah Smith: jailed for "immoral dancing" in Crete

For those tourists not likely to become involved in drug-running or rowdiness, the greatest problem encountered is hostility over dress. Thomas Cook, which organises the overseas journeys of more than 625,000 tourists every year, said both men and women should respect local customs and cover up, even in countries used to Western tourists such as Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco and Turkey. "It is always best to err on the side of modesty, and remember that revealing clothes can be offensive to locals," a spokeswoman said.

Keith Fitton, the director of the Centre for International Briefing, in Surrey, trains British couples being posted overseas on how to adapt to the differences in culture. "The Middle East is fraught with problems for foreigners regarding dress, manners and conduct," he says. "Foreigners in Saudi Arabia will be arrested and imprisoned if they drink alcohol, throw loud parties, kiss in the streets, or dress immodestly. Even the local people are apprehended, so foreigners should be especially careful."

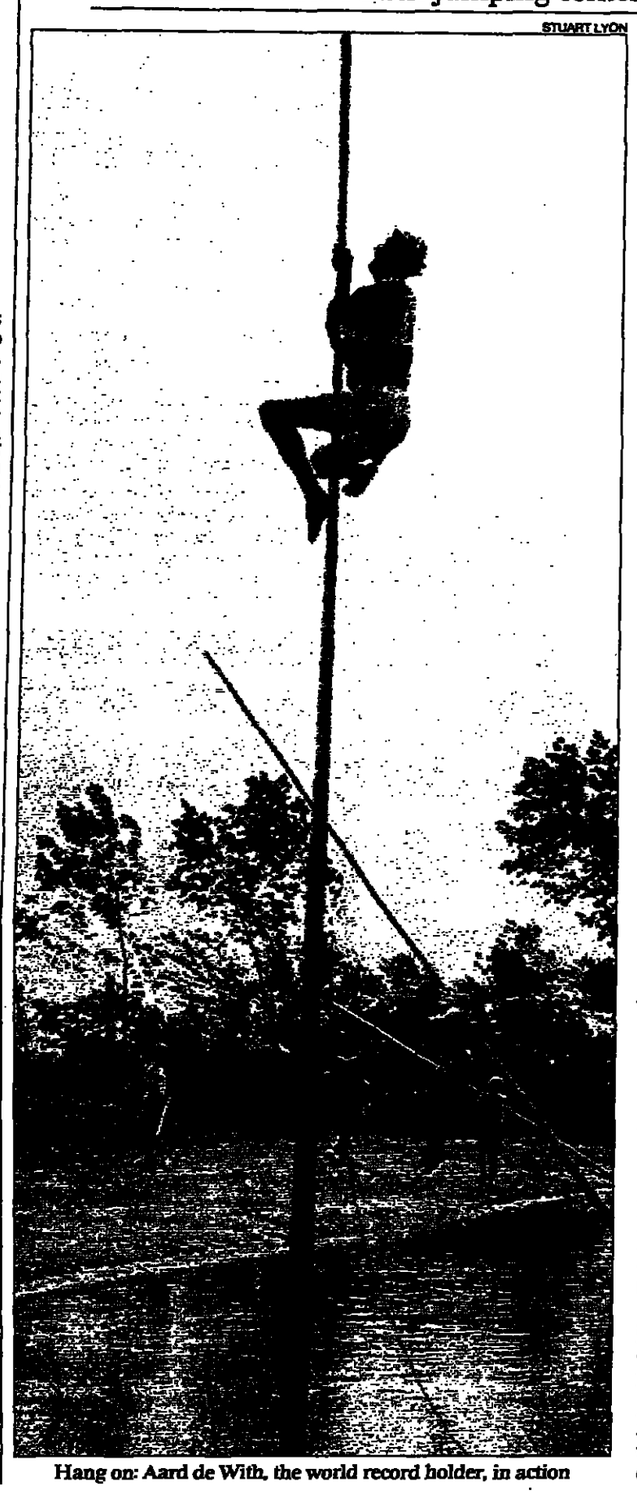
In addition, behaviour considered normal in Britain can deeply offend hosts abroad, and a social occasion can be disastrous if the visitor is unaware of local etiquette. In Japan, blowing one's nose in public is considered the height of rudeness, and a business card must be given and received with both hands. "The card is seen as an extension of the persona, and should not be defaced or scribbled on," Mr Fitton says. "Seniority is very important in Japan, and a young person should never be sent to close a business deal with a older Japanese man."

Indonesians will be offended if a visitor points the soles of their feet towards them. In Pakistan, winking or making a fist are considered rude behaviour.

Jennifer Cox, spokeswoman for Lonely Planet, which publishes travel guidebooks, says: "Tourists should remember that they are visiting people's home towns. Some holidaymakers let their hair down and behave in a way they would not at home. Certain areas of Europe are not as broad-minded as Britain. In towns outside the heavily touristed areas of Spain and Greece the police can get aggressive if they encounter a lot of rowdy tourists. By contrast, Russia is rightly known for its hospitality, but locals will think you unfriendly if you refuse to match them drink for drink.

"Bell-bottomed trousers are outlawed in Malawi, perhaps to keep out hippies. In Argentina, single women booking into low-budget accommodation are often assumed to be prostitutes by locals and the police, and they should think about either sharing or taking a padlock."

Britons take Dutch ditch-jumping contest in their stride



STUART LYON

Hang on: Aard de With, the world record holder, in action

A leap into the big time

BRITAIN may at last be on the verge of joining the sporting big time — if only in the game of Dutch ditch leaping, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

According to legend, in the 18th century poachers used to vault across swamps in The Netherlands to flee the clutches of angry gamekeepers. The gamekeepers eventually learnt to leap after them — and so began the sport of Fierljeppen.

Competitors launch themselves from a wooden pier at a ten-metre pole which rises out of brown marshwater at an angle of 45 degrees.

The momentum of the leap sends the pole swinging away from the pier in a pendulum action towards a sandpit on the opposite bank. The competitors then have just a few seconds to shin up the pole and launch themselves towards the opposite bank. Depending on how far they climb, they either land in the sandpit or in the ditch.

The sport has caught on so much in this country that the number of Britons making the trip is growing every year. Stuart Lyon, 30, was inspired when, as a boy, he saw Fierljeppen on an edition of *Blue Peter*. During a trip to Holland in 1989 he decided to trace the home of the sport and tracked it down to the north eastern province of Friesland.

The following year he returned to the annual championships, which are held on the last Saturday in July, with a contingent of British hopefuls and has been back every year since.

He has just returned from the 1993 one-day event where the British record was broken. He said: "Andy Chattaway from Huddersfield cleared 12 metres and 84 centimetres — that's an increase of 64 centimetres from the previous record although we're still a good six metres behind the Dutch.

"We had a ten-strong contingent this year, only three of whom landed in the water. That's a big improvement on last year."

A new world record was set at this year's championships when the Dutchman Aard de With leapt 18 metres and 33 centimetres.

TRAVELOGS

Back on the piste

SKI brochures are back on travel agents shelves even before the summer holiday peak is over. Some companies claim already to have sold a third of the winter sports holidays they have on offer.

Within the next week, the first of the brochures for next summer will be published. Airtours has already announced that it will be including Cuba, with prices starting at £299 for two weeks, room only, in a four-star hotel.

Tour operators are offering reduced rates for those who book early for the ski slopes and are certain to announce even bigger price cuts for next year's summer season. The reason is that they need the money from the deposits now and they want to be as certain as they can that the holidays they have to offer will, in fact, sell.

Thomson, for example, is offering price cuts on ski holidays booked before October 31 which, combined with some free lift pass offers, can lead to savings of up to £165 a week for a couple in the French Alps.

Starring Mr Punch

PUNCH and Judy shows, a feature of British seaside holidays for many years, are to be released on video. The 35-minute Punch and Judy Collection is based on the traditional slapstick which has been in existence in one form or another for 300 years.

A spokesman for NTV Entertainment, which is releasing the videos, says: "There is huge nostalgia for Mr Punch. All the parents remember him from seaside shows when they were children and are keen for their children to discover him."

Air slump slows

THE slump in business class travel which has been blamed for forcing airlines, hotels and car hire companies around the world into the red, could be coming to an end. British Airways disclosed this week that it had received, on average, 2.3 per cent more revenue from each passenger between April and June, compared with the same period a year ago. It said that the slump in "premium" class travel had at least slowed down.

In a survey carried out by the University of Surrey for Thomas Cook Travel Management, only six per cent of companies questioned thought that they would order their travelling employees to "downgrade" from a combination of club and economy class travel to economy only.

The survey shows that 77.6 per cent of companies anticipate a rise in their business travel spending over the next 12 months, partly because firms believe that air fares will fall overall, especially within Europe.

Malaria alert

DOCTORS are urging travellers to malarial areas to take proper precautions because of concern that many forget or neglect to take their prophylactic drugs. Ten people died in Britain last year after contracting malaria abroad. The disease kills more than a million people a year worldwide and affects 100 countries.

Zambia theft

THE Foreign Office has warned travellers to Zambia that armed theft of vehicles, especially four-wheel drive, is increasing. Visitors should avoid driving out of town at night, as other vehicles are poorly lit and the roads can be dangerous.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

Building sandcastles can harm your health

An Italian ecological organisation this week warned families not to build sandcastles on beaches after tests on 48 sand samples showed most to be impure and harbouring germs that can cause skin infection.

At the same time, police said that fake merchandise bearing famous names such as Cartier, Chanel and Louis Vuitton could be about to flood the Ligurian Riviera from San Remo to Portofino. The warning followed a blitz on a highly-organised group of North African hawkers who descended on San Remo last weekend. They were intercepted by a 100-strong police force that confiscated about a thousand bogus items.

The sandcastle warning came from the ecologists' group Kronos. It is urging families to "resist the temptation to build them, or play with wet sand dug from any depth". Silvano Vincenti, the association's vice president, says: "People should wash thoroughly both before and after being on the beach. Mechanised cleansing of the beaches is no answer. Shifting the sand simply helps the germs proliferate."

Dermatologists are not convinced, however. They say that the bacteria that cause skin infections do not reproduce in the sand but that the sand is simply a medium for their transmission. Dr Umberto Cane, of Turin's hospital for skin diseases, says: "It would be the same alongside any swimming pool in the country. The fault lies not with the sand but with those who are sitting on it."

Kronos took its samples from beaches in the north, centre and south of Italy. Those its report identifies as most at risk are at Nettuno, 35 miles from Rome; Punta Ala, near Grosseto; several private beaches at Misano Adriatico, near Rimini; and public beaches at Capo Rizzuto, Villanova, San Benedetto del Tronto, Senigallia and Sorrento.

TONY ROCCA

Disney fights to stay in picture

There is nothing Mickey Mouse about the stakes in the theme parks war

Euro Disney, the theme park which is losing £4 million a week, faces a new threat as an American rival, Universal Studios Hollywood, steps up the global battle for visitors.

After heavy investment in new attractions, including a $60 million ride based on the *Back to the Future* films, Universal's studio amusement park is courting the British market with an aggressive marketing campaign.

Euro Disney has repeatedly failed to meet financial targets since the launch of its £3 billion park, east of Paris, in April 1992. Last month it reported estimated losses of £60 million for the peak season and forecast the deficit was likely to continue into the winter quarter.

Industry analysts believe that competition for international visitors is critical to the success of theme parks during the recession. But the number of British visitors to Euro Disney slumped by 50 per cent to 310,000 this spring. The company has already sought financial support from Walt Disney, its American parent, and delayed construction of a second site because of its poor trading.

Philippe Bourguignon, the chairman, says the lesson of Euro Disney's first, troubled year is that its customers sought a genuinely American theme park. Before the complex opened, executives believed visitors wanted a European-flavour with sit-down meals and souvenirs with discreet logos of Mickey Mouse. Now they realise customers want take-away food and T-shirts emblazoned with Mickey.

Universal aims to tap that seemingly insatiable desire for Americana by encouraging tourists to experience the real thing. Cheaper hotels and admission make a trip to a theme park in America competitive once the air ticket is paid. While Euro Disney recently increased its daily summer charge to £28 for adults (£20 children), entry at Universal Studios in Hollywood is £20 (£16 children).

Universal is trying to persuade travel companies organising package holidays to California, including British Airways and Virgin, to include park admission passes in their deals.

Stephen Spielberg, who produced the original *Back to the Future* film, helped to design the ride based on it, which opened in June. The ride is the latest in a string of expensive additions which have transformed the Hollywood park from what was essentially a behind-the-scenes tour of a studio until 1985.

Last year, overseas visitors increased by almost one-fifth as more than 4.8 million people passed through the turnstiles, its second highest figure. In June, Britons overtook Canadians as the most numerous foreign visitors. And all this despite Los Angeles' image as a crime and riot-ridden city.

Euro Disney, meanwhile, is unwilling to pitch against Universal directly because it might impinge on its two American sisters, Disney Land in California and Disney World in Florida. Much hope is being placed in the belief that Britons holidaying in either Florida or California are more likely to fall for the charms of Mickey Mouse than *Back to the Future*'s Doc Brown.

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NEWS

Britain accepts more victims

■ Britain is take another 20 seriously wounded victims of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina in an initiative triggered by the plight of five-year-old Irma Hadzimuratovic, John Major announced. Forty-one victims, many of them children, are to be brought out today or tomorrow.

Twenty will come to Britain, 16 will go to Sweden and five to Ireland. Twenty five doctors and nurses will be flown to Italy and from there to Sarajevo ..... **Pages 1, 2, 9**

Bosnians quit mountain

■ Bosnian Serb soldiers were pouring off Mount Igman yesterday after days of confusing claims and counter-claims about their movements. The move could ease the threat of Nato air strikes against Serb forces and revive the Geneva peace talks ..... **Page 1**

Businessman flees

Following Asil Nadir's example, another Turkish Cypriot businessman has fled to northern Cyprus, which fears the self-declared republic will become known as the new Costa del Crime ..... **Page 1**

Trident outcry

Accusations of unfairness, flawed judgment and confusion were made against the defence ministry by an all-party Commons committee over the award of the £5.5 billion Trident contract to Devonport ..... **Page 1**

Law fees censure

A former Master of the Rolls criticised government proposals to let lawyers take cases for nothing in the hope of doubling their fees if they win ..... **Page 2**

Vigilante convicted

A vigilante who seized a man supplying drugs to children and threatened to throw him off a cliff has been convicted of kidnapping ..... **Page 3**

Yardie gunman jailed

A top-ranking Yardie gunman who shot dead one man, injured another and hit a woman when he fired into the air was jailed for life ..... **Page 4**

Military desecration

The graves of British and Allied soldiers have been daubed with swastikas and racist slogans at a cemetery in The Netherlands ..... **Page 4**

WPCs armed

Policewomen in Northern Ireland are to be armed for the first time, a development described by one police representative as the inevitable consequence of equality ..... **Page 4**

Car boot heels

Car boot sales are a happy hunting ground, not for bargain seekers, but for cheats, frauds and counterfeiters, say trading standards officers ..... **Page 5**

Prisoner's death

There is insufficient evidence for criminal proceedings over the death of a remand prisoner who died after collapsing while escorted by Group 4 guards, the Crown Prosecution Service said ... **Page 5**

The Benn legacy

Tony Benn is to give his seven garden shedfuls of of political papers to the British Library ..... **Pages 7, 14**

Pope's divisions

The Pope arrives in America to be greeted by President Clinton and by a church divided over the pontiff's stance on issues such as contraception, abortion and the ordination of women ..... **Page 13**

Aidid targeted

Washington is considering sending commandos into Somalia to hunt down General Aidid, the fugitive Somali warlord whom the US suspects of arranging the killing of four American soldiers ..... **Page 11**

Any questions, your honour?

■ The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, is to be a panellist on the BBC's *Question Time* programme this autumn. It is the first time that a practising judge, let alone the country's most senior one, has accepted an invitation to take part in one of the most keenly-watched political and social debating programmes ..... **Page 1**

Waves of fire: a barge loaded with jet fuel blazing in Tampa Bay, Florida, after a collision with two other vessels. Coastguard boats hosed down the barge, Ocean 255, which was still attached to a tug that had been pushing it. No injuries were reported

BUSINESS

Regional recovery: Britain's regions are showing the most widespread economic improvement since the start of the recession, the Confederation of British Industry said. But its survey signalled warnings about confidence, employment and exports ..... **Page 23**

Job cuts: Clydesdale Bank is to axe 11 per cent of its workforce over the next two years, cutting 800 jobs from its 330 branches ..... **Page 23**

Markets soar: The FT-SE 100 Index soared over the 3,000 mark for the first time, closing up 34.5 points at 3006.1. Hopes of European recovery lay behind the rise. Sterling's trade-weighted index slipped from 81.0 to 80.8 ..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Athletics: Noureddine Morceli, the 1500 metres world record holder, risks suspension and banning from the 1996 Olympic Games if he boycotts the world championships starting on Saturday ..... **Page 44**

Skating: seven years ago Natalya Gorbenko was the world junior ice skating champion, representing the Soviet Union. Next year, as Natalya Risk of Bermondsey, she hopes to represent Britain in the senior championships ..... **Page 40**

Football: the season begins in earnest on Saturday when the Carling Premiership and Endsleigh Football League get underway. Full guide to all the fixtures, domestic and international ..... **Pages 38, 39**

FEATURES

On the record: "Diaries read many years later may give you a completely different insight, which is their real value." Tony Benn on his diaries ..... **Page 14**

Data base: Offender profiling assumes that criminals leave not only material clues such as fingerprints but also behavioural clues. Simon Wessely helps the police with their investigations ..... **Page 15**

TRAVEL

Tax worry: Fears persist that business travellers could be taxed on frequent flyer schemes. Many executives use the perk to arrange holidays for themselves and their families ..... **Page 20**

ARTS

Whoopi wasted: "The credits insist a human being wrote the script, but I suspect someone just poured set ingredients into a blender." Geoff Brown on *Made in America*, the latest Whoopi Goldberg film. Other releases include a tale of adultery among the Parisian chattering classes, *Après L'Amour* ..... **Page 33**

Hamlet in rural Ireland: Why is the leading actress Fiona Shaw touring her own £140 production of *Hamlet* around Irish villages? ..... **Page 35**

Flowers of Scotland: Two of Scotland's brightest cultural assets, the composer James MacMillan and the playwright Iain Heggie, are collaborating on a new opera for the Edinburgh Festival ..... **Page 35**

TV LISTINGS

The *National Geographic's* entertaining series of *Voyager* films turns to the game of wild polo, practised in the mountains of the Hindu Kush since the time of Alexander the Great (*Horses and Heroes*, ITV 7.30pm) ..... **Page 43**

OPINION

In dry dock

The government has agonised long over the navy's argument that only one dockyard was needed for a reduced fleet. Now that it has settled itself firmly between two stools and decided to keep both in business, ministers have no intention of reopening this most contentious of debates ..... **Page 17**

Courtroom class

The conditional fees system should radically improve the access of the middle classes to civil justice and thus correct a disgraceful anomaly in the legal system. If the reform proves successful, the Lord Chancellor should consider its extension to other areas ..... **Page 17**

Carnage in Kashmir

At the very least, India must act in accordance with its own, admirable constitution. It insists that Kashmiris are Indian citizens. It cannot, therefore, deny them their rights as citizens ..... **Page 17**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

There should be a special train to take Prince William to watch a Test match at Old Trafford, supported by the ancient dukes, with the Bishop of Liverpool — himself once a notable England batsman — conducting the 1662 form of Morning Prayer in the restaurant car, and a jury to decide the fate of the England captain ..... **Page 16**

FRANCES KISSLING

Lost in the pelvic zone, John Paul II increasingly insists on fidelity to his restrictive views on sex and reproduction. His is a repetitive and resounding message of "No" when it comes to sex. This is an ethic that does not resonate, it rankles ..... **Page 16**

Comment on the working single mother who left her two-year-old at home alone ..... **Page 17**

Americans are realising two of the oldest truths. Sex sells and sells and sells. And those who are caught *in flagrante* may pay and pay and pay

The New York Times

Tania Miller tells of her captivity and release by Kurdish guerrillas while on a cycling holiday with her British cousin in Turkey Pages 1, 11

Simon Wiesenthal and other dedicated hunters of Nazi war criminals are facing the question of whether their work has run its course Page 10

The golfer Greg Norman returns to the course near Toledo, Ohio, that was the scene of his greatest disappointment Page 42

THE TIMES TOMORROW

A fresh slant on Bernie Grant

■ Valerie Grove asks whether Bernie Grant, once the scourge of Haringey Council, is now a much-mellowed MP

Not in front of the children

■ How can you stop children watching unsuitable programmes? "Smart" television could be the answer for parents

Up to the ears in work

■ "I am lying on my back, enveloped in darkness and floating in a saline solution," writes David Toop. But of course — it is the only way to review the latest trend in rock: ambient music

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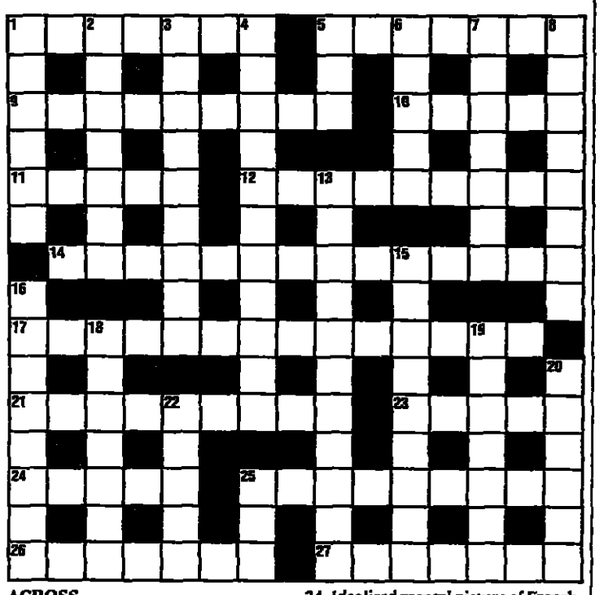

ACROSS

1 Parisian artist last seen in "South Pacific", say (7).
5 Witnessed fist fight with woodcutter (7).
9 Steps taken to counter the new ball (4,5).
10 In the outcome, man's first partner has no trumps (5).
11 Arles distorted in the strong light (5).
12 Omission that may be taken as an offence (9).
14 Declaration on foreign articles expressing less than the truth (14).
17 Make a call here to tighten with a spanner (8,6).
21 Meticulous head of Physio is away dealing with joints (9).
23 Sound of deep brass exuding a vitality (5).
24 Idealised mental picture of French friend going back to die (5).
25 They press, even with metal clubs (4-5).
26 One encouraging a punter (7).
27 Permit is in fact cancelled (7).

DOWN

1 Born with loquacity, the French talk too fast (6).
2 Out of bed and ready for toast? (7).
3 Linen subject to deterioration (9).
4 Translating in lesson can be incomprehensible (11).
5 Interview for Oxford, for example (3).
6 Ill-bred youth needs women's guidance (5).
7 Piece of news is first in editor's list (7).
8 A tide with an original borrowed from the classics (8).
13 Husband is in the bank, she is in hotel work (11).
15 Prepare to publish report of college leader (9).
16 Caught Asiatic form of neuralgia (8).
18 Fruit-cake in a hard container (3-4).
19 Stick to the punt — or put your foot in it! (7).
20 Tried to attain pure sound (6).
22 Strike to get influence in politics (5).
25 Douglas is said to be infirm (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.306

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WEATHER

South Wales and central and southern England will dawn dull, wet and windy, but it will turn drier and brighter, although with a few showers. Elsewhere it will be sunny at times, but with showers nearly everywhere and possibly thunder. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will turn mostly sunny. It will be a cool day. Outlook: the south dry and bright; Northern Britain will have rain tomorrow and sunshine and showers on Saturday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	79	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malta	29	84	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Melb'rne	16	61	s
Algiers	28	82	f	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Amst'dm	14	57	d	Miami*	31	88	t
Athens	30	86	s	Milan	28	79	t
Bahrain	39	102	s	Montreal*	25	77	t
Bangkok	31	88	f	Moscow	23	73	c
Barbados*	30	86	f	Munich	18	64	c
Barcelona	26	79	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Naples	30	86	f
Belgrade	24	75	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Berlin	17	63	f	N York*	27	81	s
Bermuda*	32	90	s	Nice	26	79	s
Biarritz	22	72	c	Oslo	16	61	f
Borde'x	21	70	c	Paris	21	70	c
Brussels	17	63	s	Peking	31	88	s
Budapst	22	72	f	Perth (aus)	17	63	c
B Aires*	-	-	-	Prague	18	64	f
Cairo	36	97	s	Reykjavik	8	46	f
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Chicago*	29	84	s	Rio de J	21	70	f
Chchurch	9	48	f	Rio de J	18	64	f
Cologne	18	64	f	Riyadh	45	113	s
C'pagn	17	63	f	Rome	29	84	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Salzburg	18	64	s
Dublin	14	57	c	S F'risco*	18	64	c
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Santiago*	19	66	c
Faro	28	82	s	S Paulo*	-	-	-
Florence	31	88	f	Seoul	30	86	s
Frankfurt	19	66	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	25	77	s	Sthkholm	17	63	c
Geneva	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	23	73	f
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sydney	16	61	s
Helsinki	19	66	f	Tangier	31	88	s
Hong K	31	88	f	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Innsbruck	20	68	s	Tenerife	33	91	s
Istanbul	25	77	f	Tokyo	31	88	s
Jeddah	39	102	s	Toronto*	27	81	f
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Tunis	33	91	s
L Palmas	28	82	s	Valencia	30	86	s
Le Tquet	18	64	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	c
Lisbon	33	91	s	Venice	28	82	s
Locarno	26	79	s	Vienna	20	68	f
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	18	64	f
Luxembg	18	64	f	Wash'ton*	29	84	f
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ngton	13	55	s
Madrid	32	90	s	Zurich	21	70	f
Majorca	29	84	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,006.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Morecambe, Lancashire, 0.34in; highest sunshine: Leeds, 12.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 20C (68F), min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.15in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.0.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.37in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.7hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Anglesey	8.8	-	18	64	bright
Aviemore	6.7	0.04	13	55	shower
Belfast	4.8	0.04	16	61	shower
Birmingham	5.8	-	17	63	bright
Bognor Regis	9.4	-	20	68	sunny
Bournemouth	7.2	-	20	68	bright
Bristol	8.8	-	17	63	bright
Buxton	5.1	0.11	14	57	shower
Cardiff	6.4	-	16	61	bright
Clacton	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	8.9	-	17	63	sunny
Cromer	7.3	0.09	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	11.3	-	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	9.9	-	17	63	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.4	0.02	15	59	sunny
Exmouth	8.5	-	18	64	bright
Falmouth	7.0	-	19	66	bright
Folkestone	9.4	-	20	68	sunny
Guernsey	10.1	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	10.9	-	20	68	sunny
Hunstanton	10.1	0.06	17	63	sunny
Isle of Man	9.8	0.01	16	61	bright
Jersey	9.7	-	20	68	sunny
Kinloss	6.8	-	15	59	sunny
Leeds	12.2	0.01	18	64	sunny
Lerwick	3.4	0.22	10	50	shower
Littlehampton	10.2	-	20	68	sunny
Liverpool	9.8	0.01	15	59	shower
London	8.1	0.01	18	64	sunny
Lowestoft	9.6	-	19	66	sunny
Margate	8.0	-	19	66	sunny
Morecambe	9.8	0.34	17	63	shower
Newcastle	7.9	-	17	63	shower
Newquay	9.1	-	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	10.0	0.01	17	63	sunny
Penzance	8.3	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	6.6	-	18	64	bright
Poole	6.5	-	20	68	sunny
Salcombe	9.8	-	19	66	sunny
Sandown	7.7	-	20	68	bright
Scarborough	8.7	-	15	59	bright
Scilly Isles	9.0	-	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	8.9	-	18	64	bright
Southend	7.2	-	19	66	bright
Southsea	9.3	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	8.3	0.06	13	55	shower
Swanage	4.6	-	19	66	bright
Teignmouth	8.3	-	19	66	bright
Tenby	7.5	-	17	63	bright
Tiree	5.8	0.01	14	57	bright
Torquay	6.6	0.01	21	70	bright
Weymouth	8.1	-	19	66	sunny

Those are Tuesday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.245	2.045
Austria Sch	18.80	17.30
Belgium Fr	56.80	52.40
Canada $	2.03	1.87
Cyprus CypE	0.797	0.747
Denmark Kr	10.85	10.05
Finland Mrk	9.25	8.45
France Fr	9.34	8.64
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	367.00	342.00
Hong Kong $	12.08	11.08
Ireland Pr	1.13	1.05
Italy Lira	2480.00	2325.00
Japan Yen	170.50	151.00
Netherlands Gld	3.01	2.78
Norway Kr	11.58	10.78
Portugal Esc	270.00	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.85
Spain Pta	216.50	202.80
Sweden Kr	12.35	11.55
Switzerland Fr	2.385	2.185
Turkey Lira	17500.00	16500.00
USA $	1.57	1.44

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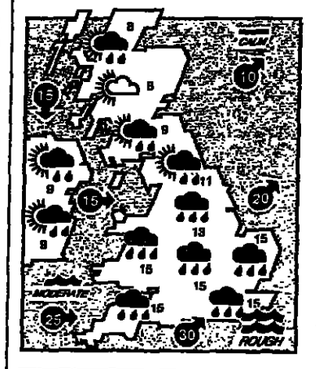

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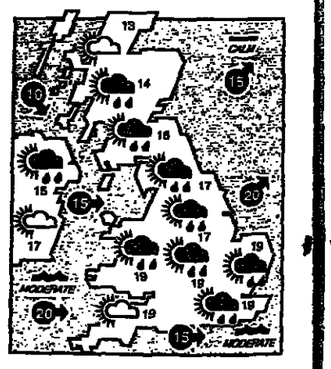

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.59 pm to 5.11 am
Bristol 9.09 pm to 5.21 am
Edinburgh 9.26 pm to 5.08 am
Manchester 9.14 pm to 5.13 am
Penzance 9.16 pm to 5.37 am

Sun rises: 5.41 am
Sun sets: 8.29 pm
Moon sets 4.24 pm
Moon rises —

New moon August 17

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	17	63	c
B'mingham	19	66	c	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	18	64	f	Jersey	19	66	c
Bristol	17	63	r	London	20	68	c
Cardiff	17	63	r	M'chester	19	66	c
Edinburgh	11	52	r	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	12	54	r	R'aldsway	14	57	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
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Belfast	6.20	2.9	7.01	3.0	Milford Haven	12.53	5.1	1.31	5.0
Cardiff	1.08	9.1	1.41	9.0	Newquay	—	—	12.31	5.1
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	6.05	5.2	6.39	5.2	Penzance	—	—	12.11	4.3
Falmouth	—	—	12.22	4.1	Portland	—	—	—	—
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Holyhead	5.40	4.3	6.27	4.3	Southampton	6.21	3.6	6.56	3.7
Hull	1 07	5.7	1 52	5.8	Swansea	12.53	7.1	1.29	7.0
Ilfracombe	12.33	6.6	1.10	6.7	Tees	11.23	4.2	—	—
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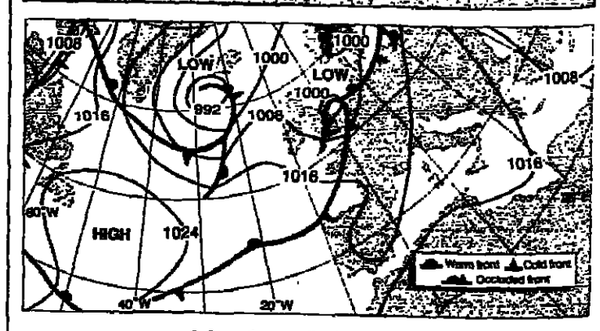

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US $ ..... 1.4777 (-0.0038)
German mark .. 2.5309 (+0.0032)
Exchange index ..... 80.8 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3006.1 (+34.5)
Dow Jones ... 3575.52 (+2.79)*
Nikkei Avg . 20732.57 (+238.82)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5⅞-5⅝%
US Federal Funds..... 2¹⁵⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.03-3.01%*
Long Bond 6.46%*

CURRENCIES

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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)
AM 381.35 ..... PM 376.00
Close 375.40-375.90
New York:
Comex 373.75-374.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Shares go above 3,000 on hopes of rate cuts

By Janet Bush and Philip Pangalos

SHARE prices soared to yet another record yesterday amid growing speculation that subdued inflationary pressures will allow British interest rates to be cut again.

Hopes of further base rate cuts were sparked a few weeks ago when the Confederation of British Industry called for easier money to support the export recovery. But they were then temporarily dashed by the Bundesbank's failure to cut its discount rate. The subsequent collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism, opening opportunities for European rate cuts, coupled with the Bank of England's *Quarterly Bulletin*, which said inflation was more benign than it seemed three months ago, have revived hopes of a cut.

The FT-SE 100 index yesterday closed above the 3,000 level for the first time. The index jumped 34.5 points to 3,006.1, translating into a rise in the value of the market of about £6.85 billion.

Equities were boosted by another strong rally in the gilt market, which saw bonds rise to record levels, prompting the Bank of England to tap the market for a further £1.2 billion. A cheerful CBI regional survey also helped.

Dealers took heart from the Bank of France's decision to lower its 24-hour lending rate by a ½ point to 9.25 per cent. However, it left its more important five- to ten-day lending rate at 10 per cent.

Sentiment was also buoyed by the Bank's upbeat forecast for inflation and hopes that the latest French move will bring further pressure on the Chancellor to reduce UK rates in the autumn.

Advances were exacerbated by stock shortages, with prices squeezed higher as buyers emerged after a number of brokers were said to be bidding the market higher in many of the leading stocks.

Market-makers were unprepared for the sudden demand, and stock shortage was a big factor in the advance as institutions proved unwilling sellers in light of the brighter economic outlook. A technical situation, partly due to the expiry of the August series of traded options, prompted a squeeze in the futures market, which reached all-time highs.

A positive start to trading on Wall Street reinforced the euphoria in London. Second liners also fared well as the FT-SE Mid added 23.8 points to at 3,430.6. Trading was very active during a traditionally quiet time of year, swelling to 825.3 million shares. Predictions for the FT-SE range from the current 3,000 level to 3,450 as a year-end target as interest rates fall in continental Europe.

Robert Buckland, a UK market strategist at NatWest Securities, said: "Equities have been gatecrashing the gilt party over the last couple of weeks." But he added that the "economic fundamentals do not justify another cut in base rates". Any cut would be more likely to be made at about the time of the Budget.

Sterling reacted negatively to hopes of a rate cut, closing at 80.8, down 0.2, on its trade weighted index. That slip also reflected the fact that the safe haven funds that moved into sterling during the ERM crisis have started to flood back, particularly into the mark.

A base rate cut does not appear to be imminent, needing one of three triggers: unwanted strength in sterling, a batch of weak economic figures or a fiscal tightening. In the immediate aftermath of the ERM, and given recent economic data, the best guess is that the next rate cut will come as a counterpart to tax increases or spending cuts to be announced in the November budget.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said: "I think the government may wait to cut rates when it is presenting a tough budget."

In Paris, rate cut hopes boosted the CAC-40 share index 27.61 points to a closing high of 2,167.39. Those gains came despite weak first-half sales figures from French companies.

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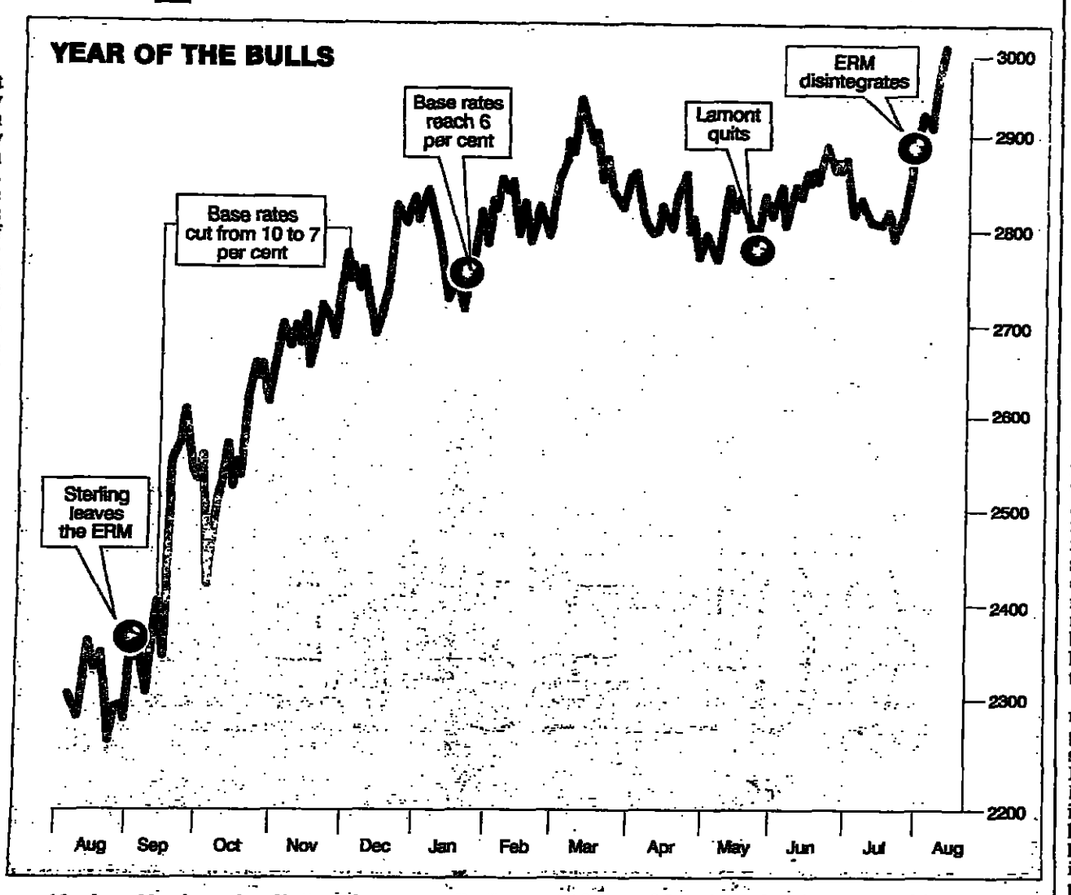

When £19m equals £122m

By George Sivell

SHAREHOLDERS in Trafalgar House who at January's annual meeting demanded to know how a £122 million profit for 1991 shrank to £19 million after the Financial Reporting Review Panel intervened at last have an answer.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants yesterday declared the difference the result of "honest differences of professional opinion". It comes as no surprise that the institute finds such professional niceties "not suitable subjects for disciplinary action".

The institute declared that the events surrounding Trafalgar House "do not give rise to grounds for disciplinary action against any member or member firm". In preparing its 1991 accounts, Trafalgar switched development properties from current assets to fixed assets, handling their fall in value only in the balance sheet and avoiding having to show the deficit in the profit and loss account.

The institute's announcement failed to mention Trafalgar's former auditor by name, sparing the blushes of Touche Ross, which stepped down in May after pressure from investors. But small shareholders can sleep easy in the knowledge that "the institute is always prepared to discipline any member or member firm considered to have failed to live up to the high standards expected of them".

Trafalgar and its advisers said legal opinion and a second accounting opinion were sought before the original 1991 accounts were signed off. But the Financial Reporting Review Panel ordered Trafalgar to restate the 1991 figures contained in the 1992 accounts, under threat of court action, to allow for the urgent issues task force abstract that came into effect between publication of the annual reports.

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Bank to axe 800 jobs

By Patricia Tehan

CLYDESDALE Bank is to axe 11 per cent of its workforce over the next two years, cutting 800 jobs from its 330 branches.

The cuts will reduce the bank's workforce to 6,200. The bank also plans to relocate a further 600 staff from branches to three new service centres, two in Glasgow and one in another location, probably Aberdeen. Charles Love, the chief executive, said the restructuring is aimed at enhancing services to customers and positioning the bank for the future.

The shake-up will cost Clydesdale, the Glasgow-based subsidiary of National Australia Bank, more than £50 million.

The redundancies will cost £8 million. Clydesdale estimates it will cost £3 million to establish the new centres and expects the cost of redesigning branches to make more space available to customers will run at £8 million a year for the next five years.

The move is along the lines of staff reduction plans adopted by other clearing banks in recent months.

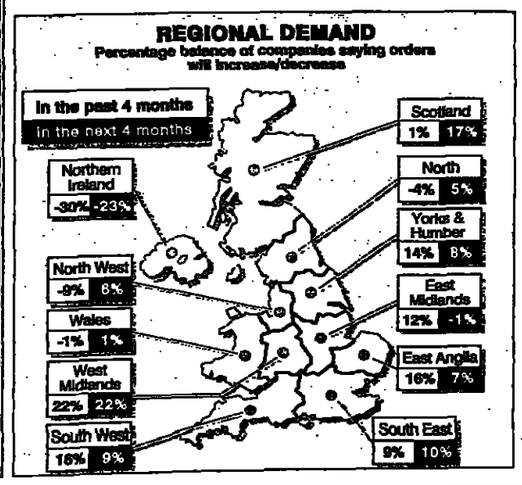
John Aitken, banking analyst at UBS, said: "The past three years have seen the UK banks take out 15 to 20 per cent of their branch staff." He expects to see further reductions of another 7 to 8 per cent over the next three years.

Clydesdale's job cuts follow the loss of 700 head-office jobs in the past two years, though 200 of these staff were relocated elsewhere in the bank.

Clydesdale is following other clearers in centralising back office processing functions. Two of the three new centres will be branch service centres. A third centre in Glasgow, employing 70 staff, will deal with telephone enquiries from customers.

Leif Mills, general secretary of Bifu, the banking union, said he was shocked at the scale of the job losses.

Economy improves throughout regions



By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S regions are showing their most widespread economic improvement since the start of the recession, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

However, the CBI's regional industrial trends survey was more cautious about prospects for confidence, employment and exports over the coming months.

The survey comes in advance of today's unemployment figures, which analysts believe will show a further fall in the jobless total. It also comes ahead of a Treasury report next week that is expected to stress the economic value of large industrial surveys.

Ministers will take comfort from the CBI report, showing that rising demand has become more widespread throughout Britain's regions than at any time since the start of recession. Companies in only four of the UK's 11 regions — Wales, the North, North West and Northern Ireland — reported a fall in total orders over the past four months, with manufacturers in the West Midlands, East Anglia and the South West showing the largest increases.

Exports appear to have been a key influence, with regions reporting a slowdown in orders also seeing a fall in overseas demand as a result of continental recession. The CBI said that in the wake of the changes to the exchange-rate mechanism, interest rates should now fall across Europe to pull it out of the recession.

In advance of that, the survey showed that companies in six regions expect a decline in export orders over the coming four months.

The CBI stressed that exports were not the only factor, pointing to a growth in overall orders among West Midlands companies despite largely flat demand abroad. The improvement in the motor industry and an increase in capital goods spending were cited as the probable reasons.

However, business confidence is now rising much more slowly than at the time of the last survey in April, and the rate of the fall in unemployment is not improving.

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Short-termism works and is here to stay

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

First the good news. Whatever employment totals are revealed this morning, the surprise downtrend of the past few months has confirmed that the Major recession was quite different to that of the early Eighties and that companies are much better placed for recovery. The early falls in registered unemployment are not the only sign. There has also been a sharp drop in new company collapses at a stage of the cycle when experienced receivers expect a secondary upturn.

Few care to mention the underlying reason for these differences: the oft-despised virtues of business short-termism have shown their worth as never before. That is the unwritten but powerful message from the Bank of England and helps explain why the Bank is as laid back as central bankers are ever likely to be about policy and prospects for the economy. Its study of the corporate sector's performance during this recession shows that, on average, productivity held up much better, firms did not have to support so much spare capacity and return on capital was therefore nearly twice as high as in the previous slump.

This is a classic case of once bitten, twice shy. Having seen what could happen a few years earlier, and having much more debt to service, managers were much quicker to batten down the hatches. Instead of holding on to labour they would need to maintain output when business returned to normal, firms sacked as many people as possible, shedding marginal business on the way and closing excess plant fast. In other words, they followed common sense advice that 'safeguarding future prospects is not much use if your company does not survive. Even more would have survived had the recession not gone on for those last few disappointing quarters.

Even better news, for companies, is that investment held up much better. That does not sound short-termist, but the investment has been part of managers' over-riding priority of cutting costs and minimising on-going trading overheads, especially pay. Every survey from official figures to purchasing managers shows by far the most buoyant sector of investment has been in information technology and other forms of labour-saving automation.

The bad news is that managers' hard-learnt caution will severely limit the cyclical upturn in output and employment before growth has to depend on more modest underlying productivity gains. If firms have heeded warnings not to chase business recklessly as soon as demand started improving, that is because they have cut back capacity and surplus labour. They are not going to expand in a hurry. As the bank lending figures show, there is also little stomach for expansion among small businesses and, given recent experience, we should not expect anything like the rate of new business formation as in the late Eighties, beyond the most modest forms of self employment.

For all the good news about unemployment passing its peak early, we can therefore forget any idea of the jobless total coming down even near to the previous "trough" of 1.6 million for many years ahead. In terms of economic policy, the main significance of unemployment will be in ensuring high taxes virtually until the end of the century. Having gone through theoretical gyrations to permit policymakers to factor higher rate of unemployment into their equations, economists should finally recognise business realities and switch instead to looking at the number of jobs the economy can sustain without overheating.

From the employment trends, it looks as though policymakers should start worrying when employment recovers by as little as 800,000, or about 3 per cent. Although the industrial shake-out of the early Eighties was supposed to ensure that sustainable non-inflationary growth delivered what were termed real jobs, it appears with hindsight that more than a million of the jobs created during the later years of the boom were fair-weather jobs.

The price of short-termism will therefore be heavy. It remains the correct policy for business until it can trust government to deliver a fairly stable mix of growth, exchange rates and, most of all, sustained and reasonably low money interest rates.

Usborne farms out new shares

Usborne, the grain merchant to pig producer, yesterday launched a £4.6 million two-for-five rights issue as it seeks to release working capital to expand its grain activities. The balance of the proceeds will replace the initial £1.75 million cash payment made last week to Unigate for 7,000 pigs.

Usborne forecast that it would make taxable profits of at least £1.57 million in the 18 months to end-June. There will be a final dividend of 0.4p, making a total for the 18 months of 0.8p.

Ward advances

Higher home sales have lifted Ward Holdings, the Kent housebuilder, into the black with a pre-tax profit of £347,000 (£1.8 million loss) for the six months to April 30. But margins continue to be squeezed due to repossessions and unsold stock. Again, there is no interim dividend.

Reflex action

Reflex, the Irish software and computer services group, returned profits of Ir£316,000 (£292,000) in the six months to end-June, against a Ir£4.5 million loss in the eight months to end-December. Earnings per share of Ir2.01p replace losses of Ir26.85p There is no interim dividend.

Armitage rises

Pre-tax profits at Armitage Brothers, the pet foods and accessories maker, edged up to £875,000 from £851,000 in the year to end-May, but earnings fell to 14.6p (16.4p) because of a £100,000 tax credit last year. A final dividend of 3.6p makes a total of 6.2p (6p) for the year.

Amber sale

Amber Industrial Holdings has sold Causeway Steel Products to Sterling Industries for £1.2 million. It is selling the firm, which serves oil refineries, to raise cash to expand in speciality chemicals.

Seasonal boost: holiday travellers helped Sir John Egan's BAA to its busiest month, 8.3 million passengers in July

Long-haul passengers boost traffic at BAA

By Carl Mortished

■ **Air traffic is growing but Gatwick remains a problem for BAA, having lost a large chunk of its scheduled traffic to Heathrow under new distribution rules**

HOLIDAY traffic through airports provided a seasonal boost to BAA in July with a 4.4 per cent rise in passenger numbers over that month in 1992. BAA hailed the figures as its busiest month ever, having handled 8.3 million passengers, and the market welcomed the news, marking the shares up 9p to 306p.

Analysts were more cautious, pointing to BAA's own predictions of 4 per cent traffic growth for the year to March 1994. "It's marginally better than forecast in the peak period," said one. Last year, BAA, where Sir John Egan is chief executive, benefited from traffic growth of 7.9 per cent.

Long-haul passengers made up the bulk of last month's increase, suggesting that people are opting for more exotic holiday destinations. At Heathrow, long-haul traffic grew 9.5 per cent in July against the previous year, compared with overall passenger growth at Heathrow of 5.4 per cent. Stansted's traffic figures leapt 12 per cent but from a low base, reflecting the recent arrival of Ryanair, which helped boost passenger numbers to 302,000 in July. Gatwick remains BAA's problem, having lost a large chunk of its scheduled traffic to Heathrow after deregulation of traffic distribution rules. Some 24 airlines moved flights to Heathrow to benefit from the greater number of high-yielding business passengers who travel through the international airport.

Gatwick's traffic grew by less than 1 per cent in July, bringing the rate of increase for airports in the London area down to 4.2 per cent. BAA's Scottish airports, including Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen, scored better with a 5.3 per cent increase in traffic in the month.

☐ Michael Maine, group technical director, has collected £216,700 after cashing in options granted to him under the BAA senior employee share scheme. BAA said it had allotted 49,275 ordinary shares to Mr Maine. Of the total, 16,000 shares were allotted at 271p per share, 11,180 at 341p and 22,095 at 421p. He subsequently sold 47,275 of the allotted shares at 794p each.

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Eurorail plays down threat from Germans

By Martin Waller and Colin Narbrough

MEMBERS of the Eurorail consortium, the only British contender to build the high-speed rail link between London and the Channel tunnel, have dismissed reports that a big German contractor might have leapfrogged into pole position to win the £3 billion order.

Construction cannot start at the earliest until 1995, a year after the necessary enabling legislation is laid before Parliament. In June, about 100 different builders, merchant banks and consultants were contacted by the Department of Transport and asked if they were prepared to take part in the project.

They included a number of overseas building firms, including Hochtief, the biggest German construction group. The parties were not asked to tender competitively but to provide "ideas and advice" on the building of the rail link, the DoT said last night.

A spokesman denied reports that the Germans had been approached privately to make a bid for the work. "There are many other companies still involved; they are no better placed than many others." A third of those contacted were prepared to participate.

A Hochtief spokesman confirmed that the company was approached in June because it was willing to take part using its own risk capital. He did not think the invitation meant it had won a contract.

Eurorail, which comprises Trafalgar House, BICC and new member GEC, remains confident that it will be favourite to win the contract. "We believe we have very, very good credentials," said one member. The government is committed to a competitive tender, but there could be a political outcry if the work goes to a foreign concern.

Business Roundup

A new Holiday Inn every second day

HOLIDAY Inn, the world's biggest hotel chain that is owned by Bass, has opened a new hotel every other day since the start of the year, the company said. It added that this rate of new openings topped the previous peak in the late 1960s. Since 1993 began, 91 Holiday Inns have opened, 66 of them in the Americas. This has added 13,000 rooms to the brand, reaching a total of 337,000 rooms in 1,750 hotels.

Bass and Grupo Situr of Mexico have agreed to develop at least 10 Holiday Inn Express hotels. Another 20 will be built in Germany, seven in France, and seven in South Africa. Holiday Inn also plans to develop six hotels in Britain and the Benelux countries in conjunction with Queens Moat Houses.

Sale for Forth Ports

FORTH Ports, the Scottish ports authority privatised in a £30 million float last year, has sold an office development to the government for £47.5 million. Property Holdings is buying the 300,000 sq ft building at Victoria Quay, Leith, to house the Scottish Office. However, the government may get some of its money back. Forth Ports' property deals have to be assessed for clawback in the first ten years of private ownership, with 25 per cent of any surplus gained payable to the government.

Engineer in profit alert

JOHNSON & Firth Brown, the Manchester engineering and metals group, has warned shareholders to expect a further decline in profits. The grim statement from Martin Llowarch, chairman, followed a 38 per cent plunge to £2.07 million in profits for the half-year to June. Mr Llowarch now expects second-half results to be still worse. He said the company's order book had deteriorated and that the light engineering division had suffered particularly. The shares fell 9p to 39p.

Metal Bulletin shines

METAL Bulletin, the international business publishing and conference group, has increased interim pre-tax profits to £871,300 from £711,600 last time. In the six months to end-June, sales rose to £6.9 million (£5.8 million) and earnings per share to 6p (5.1p). The interim dividend is lifted from 2.7p to 2.9p. The company said it was optimistic of a fifth successive year of profit growth thanks to the strong performance in its core business of global information services.

Damp start for Vimto

DISMAL early summer weather has held back the trading performance of JN Nichols (Vimto). In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits were static at £3.4 million (£3.5 million) on sales of £24.1 million (£23.6 million). The company says the second half has started slowly, with no sign of sustained better weather or increased consumer spending. During the first half, earnings per share fell from 14.8p to 14.4p, while the interim dividend rises from 5.1p to 5.4p.

COMMERCIAL UNION

SIX MONTHS' REVIEW

Strong increase in profits

★ Pre-tax profit of £65.5m after a charge of £25m in respect of the City of London bomb.

★ Selective expansion of life and general insurance business continues.

★ General insurance trading continues to recover strongly, especially in the United Kingdom.

★ Life profits increase to £57.6m.

★ Shareholders' funds £1,977m.

HIGHLIGHTS	6 months 1993 Unaudited	6 months 1992 Unaudited
Total premium income	£3,037m	£2,377m
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	£65.5m	£(18.1)m
Operating profit/(loss) after taxation	£47.5m	£(23.7)m
Operating profit/(loss) per share *(note)*	7.6p	(5.2)p
Interim dividend per share *(note)*	15.10p	8.95p

Note: 1992 figures adjusted for the rights issue.

Interim dividend and enhanced scrip dividend alternative

Subject to shareholders' approval, a 50% enhanced scrip dividend alternative to the interim dividend is proposed. The interim dividend is 15.10p per share, equivalent to the 1992 declared final dividend, thereby accelerating part of the total dividend for the year.

Full details of this proposal, together with notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting will be sent to shareholders on 1 September 1993. The payment of the interim dividend will be brought forward to 13 October 1993 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 26 August 1993.

The interim report will be circulated to shareholders on 18 August 1993. Members of the public may obtain copies of the report after this date by writing to the Shareholder Relations Service, at the address below, or by telephoning 071-283 7500, ext. 28866.

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To the shareholders of

GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Tuesday 31 August 1993 at 3.00 pm at the registered office of the Company, Kongens Nytorv 26, DK-1016 Copenhagen K, to transact the following business:

a. To receive and consider the report for the twelve months ended 30 June 1993.

b. To receive and adopt the annual financial statements and discharge the Board of Directors and the Management from their obligations.

c. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company.

d. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that a number of minor amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company be adopted in compliance with the provisions of the Danish Companies Act as amended; Article 7: contents of the notice convening a general meeting; Article 8: the time of the ordinary general meeting; Article 9: share registration requirement; Article 14: representation at a general meeting of temporarily non-voting shares.

e. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

f. To elect Directors in the place of those retiring.

g. To appoint two auditors to audit the financial statements for the current financial year.

For the passing of the resolution set out under item d. on the agenda, which is proposed by a unanimous Board of Directors, it is required under Article 14, subarticle 5, of the Articles of Association that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting.

From Monday 23 August 1993 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual financial statements with the Auditors' Report and the Report of the Directors, will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's registered office, Kongens Nytorv 26, second floor, DK-1016 Copenhagen K, and at the address of the Company's banker in London, and not later than eight days prior to the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register of members to such address as has been given to the Company.

Shareholders whose shares are registered in the names of the holders and entered in the register of members maintained by the Company will receive with the Annual Report and Accounts an order form, which should be completed and returned by any shareholder who wishes to receive an admission card and, possibly, a ballot paper for the General Meeting. For a shareholder to be entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting under the existing Articles of Association, the order form must reach the Company not later than five days prior to the date of the meeting.

Any shareholder who is not on the Company's register may obtain an admission card and ballot paper from the Company's office on all weekdays (excluding Saturdays) between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm until five days prior to the date of the General Meeting by presenting a statement of his or her holding of shares in the Company, dated 20 August 1993 and issued by the shareholder's account-holding bank.

Shareholders who have acquired their shares by way of transfer are qualified to vote only on condition that they are entitled to attend and, before or at the time of the notice convening the General Meeting, either have arranged for their shares to be entered in the Company's register of members or have submitted notification and documentary proof of their acquisition of shares in the Company.

No director is employed with the Company under a contract of service.

Yours sincerely
The Board of Directors of GN Great Nordic Holding Ltd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF KENT FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 10 September 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 6th day of August 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.J. COOK, DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
The Marketing and Merchandising Company Limited
Registered number: 2182855. Nature of business: Manufacturing and installing merchandising equipment. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Ian Clifford Powell and Anthony John Patrick Brereton (office holder nos: 7852 and 8854). Address: Price Waterhouse York House York Street Manchester M2 4WS.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES HOUSE
No. 004278 of 1993
In the Matter of
MASTER TAVERNS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
and
In the Matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, Nigel Geoffrey Atkinson, a licensed Insolvency Practitioner and Chartered Accountant of Messrs Touche Ross & Co, PO Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP, was appointed Liquidator of the above company by the Secretary of State on 2 July 1993.
N G ATKINSON, Liquidator.

MAILPLAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Cranmey Vallicott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5LF, on 19 August 1993 at 11.30 am, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
Dated 11th August 1993
By Order of the Board
Brian Raymont, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
SAFE WORKING LOAD LTD
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John C Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Company, 9 Victoria Road, Romford, Essex RM1 2JT was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by a resolution of the company's creditors on 6th August 1993.
Dated this 10th day of August 1993
J. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

BRAZILIAN NAVAL COMMISSION IN EUROPE
PUBLIC TENDER NR. 005/93
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BNCE with offices at: 170 Upper Richmond Road, is accepting tenders to choose a supplier for 13 HIGH PRESSURE AIR COMPRESSORS for the "Niterói" Class Frigates. They must have a nominal outlet of 130m3/h of free air and a nominal discharge pressure of 276 bar.
INFO: 081-788 8111 ext 155.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Royal Russell School
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DGY-31268A/1-CDL(dn3). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

PUBLIC NOTICES

POTATO MARKETING BOARD
THE POTATO MARKETING SCHEME
ELECTIONS OF
DISTRICT MEMBERS 1993

The Potato Marketing Board announces that elections for members to represent certain of its Districts will be held on Wednesday 27th October 1993 in accordance with the requirements of the Scheme. The Board's electoral Districts still comprise counties as they were prior to 1st April 1974. Those Districts for which elections are to take place are listed below, together with the name of the incumbent member.

Name of District	Area	Current Member
Southern East Anglia	Essex Hertfordshire Middlesex and London (inc. the City Suffolk	P O Rix
Central England	Derbyshire Leicestershire Northamptonshire (inc. the Soke of Peterborough) Nottinghamshire Rutland	C A Strawson
Wales	Wales and Monmouthshire	J A Davies
East Riding of Yorkshire	East Riding of Yorkshire	P B T Beal

Nominations in writing, and a deposit of £100 in respect of each candidate, must be lodged with the Potato Marketing Board at Broad Fields House, 4 Between Towns Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3NA, not later than 6 pm on Wednesday 22nd September 1993. Envelopes should be addressed to the Secretary at the above address, and marked "Election" in the top left hand corner. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary. Members elected on 27th October will hold office for four years in respect of all Districts specified above.

I R CARTWRIGHT, SECRETARY
August 1993
4 Between Towns Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 3NA

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TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

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Rover shows British industry the road to the future

That was then: the 200 series Vitesse EFi, produced in the days when Sir Graham Day was Rover's chairman

This is now: the 220 Turbo Coupé typifies the transformed style of the company, now headed by George Simpson

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

TODAY is the fifth anniversary of the contentious sale by the British government of the Rover car group to British Aerospace. Contentious because of the lack of obvious industrial synergy, as much as for the tens of millions of pounds in illegal aid that ministers tried unsuccessfully to conceal from the European Commission.

From the day the deal was announced there was speculation that BAe would cash in its chips at the earliest opportunity. From today, even the state aid approved by the commission will not have to be repaid in the event of a sale. Yet BAe continues to insist, as it has for the past half-decade: "Rover is a core business. We have no plans to sell it."

Confounding the sceptics, BAe has proved a good steward of Rover's assets and ethos. The planemaker has simply left Rover and its managers to carry through a transformation that has become a showcase for the modernisation of British industry. Rover, now chaired by George Simpson, was well started on the road to renewal by the time Professor Roland Smith, then BAe's chairman, turned up to do his "deal of the decade". Sir Graham Day, a government appointee, had drawn up plans to make the Rover marque a kind of British BMW. A technology-sharing partnership with Honda has helped the company rebuild its model range, supplanting cars such as the Maestro and Montego with the Rover 200, 400, 600 and 800.

As Mark Dichlian, an analyst at BZW, remarks: "You can see for yourself the company has changed. These are cars people want to buy."

The new model programme has gone hand in hand with modernisation of the company's manufacturing plants at Cowley, Oxfordshire and Longbridge in Birmingham and a much-publicised jobs-for-life undertaking to the workforce in exchange for high levels of flexibility.

But the threat of extermination by Japanese implant factories has brought a far wider reform.

Labour costs are only 15 per cent of the price of a car. Rover is devoting great effort to reducing component costs through a closer partnership with a smaller number of suppliers, and it is crafting closer links with its dealers.

These reforms are designed to cut the break-even point for the business from 500,000 to 400,000 cars a year. Rover's excessive dependence on the UK market left it exposed to the recession and delayed revival. To date only the Land-Rover four-wheel-drive business, lead by the all-British Discovery, is making a profit. The economic slowdown in continental Europe will impose a new brake on progress. Even so, Mr Dichlian predicts that the £51 million underlying loss in the car business in the year to last December will be replaced by a £30 million profit this year, rising to £80 million in 1994. Returns will remain modest when set against the multibillion pound turnover and massive investment, but even a tiny improvement in margins can throw off a lot of profit, all sheltered by massive inherited tax losses. No wonder BAe is in no rush to sell. "They would get a much better price for it in three years' time," Mr Dichlian says.

But why should BAe sell? And if it does, why should it sell out completely? Under John Cahill, its new-broom chairman, and Richard Lapthorne, finance director, BAe has refinanced itself through a spider's web of joint ventures.

Rover already has a partner, Honda, and partnership cuts two ways. While Honda owns 20 per cent of Rover, Rover has similar stake in Honda's UK manufacturing plant, which assembles the Honda Accord. Honda engines from Swindon go into Rover 200 and 400 cars, as well as the Honda Concerto produced by Rover on its Longbridge production lines. Just to complete the jigsaw, Honda now sells the Discovery in Japan, rebadged as the Honda Crossroad. Even if BAe's stake were for sale, asset-strippers need not apply. Of course, it is not inconceivable that some of Rover's equity could once more be listed on the stock market. More probable is the introduction of a third partner to the collaboration.

Japan's car industry, after all, is in trouble. Its domestic market is crumbling and overseas rivals are fast absorbing the lessons of Japanese productivity and quality achievements, while sidestepping its errors of over-investment. Japanese manufacturers are vying with one another, and with American assemblers, to fill gaps in product range and spread currency risk. Why should Honda and Rover be any different?

Each is too small to be a truly global player. Each has shown itself able to make a success of international alliances. And each has skills, ideas and sound products to offer.

A dilution of BAe's stake in Rover may happen, but only when the time is right and the industrial logic is strong. August 12, 1995, perhaps?

CU jumps into black despite costs of bomb

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

A significant recovery in general insurance operations in Britain underpinned a return to profit at Commercial Union and an increase in the interim dividend

COMMERCIAL Union, the composite insurer, confirmed the strength of recovery in the insurance sector with an interim pre-tax profit of £65.5 million, a sharp improvement from the £18.1 million loss incurred last time.

The growth in pre-tax profits, in the six months to end June, was achieved despite a £25 million loss that resulted from claims relating to the bomb blast in the City of London in April.

Tony Brend, chief executive, said that the strong recovery "reflected significantly better results from the general insurance operations, particularly in the UK".

General insurance made a £7.9 million profit against a £68.8 million loss in the comparable period last time, helped by "significant rate increases and new business in the UK", said Mr Brend, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Underwriting losses in the UK fell from £95.9 million to £56.6 million, in spite of a charge of £21 million relating to the bomb.

The improvement in the UK helped to reduce the insurer's overall underwriting loss from £205.2 million to £165.4 million.

Excluding the UK, the group experienced a deterioration in underwriting results from most of its territories. In America, losses rose from £39.8 million to £46 million while Canada reported an underwriting loss of £15 million, up from £12.4 million.

In America, despite the worsening in the underwriting result, Commercial Union lifted pre-tax profits from £17.4 million to £29.6 million. This was primarily due to an increase in net investment income from £54.1 million to £69.7 million.

Overall net investment income advanced from £129.4 million to £168.9 million, helped by February's £428 million of rights issue proceeds and exchange rate movements. This was partly offset by lower interest rates.

The rights issue coupled with buoyant stock markets prompted a rise in shareholders' funds from £1,501 million to £1,977 million. The group's life profits increased from £50.7 million to £57.6 million.

Commercial Union is offering shareholders an enhanced scrip dividend alternative and as a result has brought forward part of the final dividend.

This resulted in an interim dividend of 15.1p a share, compared with 8.95p last time, and which equates to the total for last year. The shares rose 12p to 661p.

Mr Brend emphasised that the move was to avoid an irrecoverable advance corporation tax problem and the decision to match last year's total dividend at the interim stage was not meant to send a signal to shareholders that a lift in the final dividend is in the pipeline.

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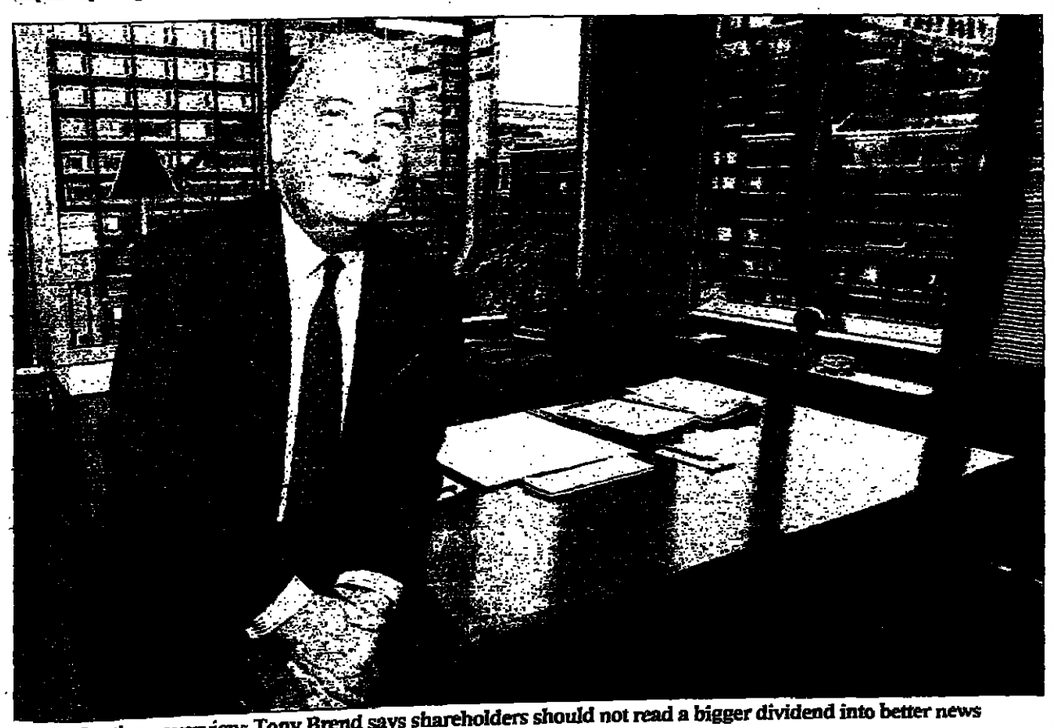


Cautious overview: Tony Brend says shareholders should not read a bigger dividend into better news

Daily Mail group in £50m bond issue

By Susan Gilchrist

DAILY Mail and General Trust, the media empire which includes Associated Newspapers, launched a £50 million bond issue yesterday, fuelling speculation that it is seeking to buy a stake in Newspaper Publishing, the struggling owners of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*.

Associated Newspapers is believed to be interested in becoming a major shareholder in Newspaper Publishing alongside *La Repubblica*, the Italian newspaper owned by Carlo de Benedetti, and the Spanish publishers of *El Pais*, which each hold 18 per cent.

Discussions between the two British newspaper groups are believed to have taken place on price. This follows the public admission by Ian Hay Davison, chairman of Newspaper Publishing, that he is looking for a third major equity shareholder in order to refinance the beleaguered company, which has been hit hard by falling sales of its titles and the sharp downturn in advertising revenue during the recession.

Associated is said to be interested in adding a broadsheet title to its successful stable of mid-market titles, the *Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday* and the *Evening Standard*.

The £50 million of bonds issued by its parent company, which carry a coupon of 5¾ per cent, are exchangeable into Reuters ordinary shares at 27 per cent conversion premium.

This is the fourth time Daily Mail and General Trust has used its holding in Reuters to leverage the group. It said the proceeds of the issue would by used for "general corporate purposes" including reducing debts.

☐ Abbey National Treasury Services has increased to 200 billion Italian lire (£83 million) from 150 billion lire the size of its 10 per cent callable seven-year Eurobond, launched on July 30. The new paper has a 104.175 per cent issue price.

TENDER FOR JOBCLUB SERVICES

The Employment Service would like to receive expressions of interest from any organisation which might wish to be invited to tender for Jobclub Services.

As part of its programme of market testing the Employment Service, an Executive Agency of the Employment Department Group, responsible for job placement and the payment of benefits and allowances to unemployed people, is looking for potential suppliers of local Jobclub services. Jobclubs are designed to help: long term clients, people with disabilities, clients living in inner-city areas, those with learning difficulties and people at professional, executive and management level to find employment.

Expressions of interest are invited to supply this service, at a range of local sites across the country. It is likely that these will fall within the boundaries of the following Employment Service Regional Offices:

Office for Scotland, Office for Wales, Northern, North West, Yorkshire and Humberside, East Midlands and Eastern, West Midlands, London and South East, South West.

Any contract awarded is likely to be for a two year duration with-phased implementation by April 1994.

Organisations expressing interestwill be sent a supplier appraisal questionnaire and invitation to tender which seeks background information on the company, details of its accounts, trading history, previous customers and staff competencies for the work.

Expressions of interest should include details of the Regions or locations for which they are interested in bidding and current membership of any professional bodies or standards operated.

Expressions of interest in writing only should be sent to the address below to be received no later than 25 August 1993; quoting reference 003. Supplier appraisal questionnaires and tenders must be returned by 12 noon on 17 September 1993.

Correspondence after this date will not be considered.

Lynne Middleton, Market Testing Unit,
Employment Services, Level 2, Mayfield Court, Sheffield S1 4ER.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

UK funds flow to jewel of the Limpopo

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

THE River Ranch diamond mine lies two kilometres north of "the great grey-green, greasy Limpopo River, all set about with fever trees". Yesterday, London institutions contributed most of the a C$1.7 million (£890,000) raised by Carr Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, on behalf of Redaurum Red Lake Mines, which is quoted in Toronto and is developing the alluvial diamond deposit in Zimbabwe.

Since March last year, River Ranch has produced 50,000 carats, of which 43,500 carats have been sold outside of the Central Selling Organisation and direct on to the Antwerp market.

River Ranch was once worked by De Beers. However, after what is best described as a disagreement over Zimbabwe's insistence that a certain percentage of any diamonds mined in Zimbabwe be marketed and sold through the Minerals Marketing Corporation of Zimbabwe, its state marketing arm, De Beers gave up its prospecting licence in 1991 and dismantled its working plant.

Mysteriously, no past records of drilling that would otherwise have been lodged in the government's geological data bank were found when the new owners bought the property.

Redaurum is a joint partner with Auridiam Consolidated of Australia, and together they own Auridiam Zimbabwe (Private) (AZPL), which has land tenure for 25 years, with a 25-year renewable option.

Mr Robin Baxter-Brown, a geologist with more than 36 years experience in the field, and who between 1955 and 1959 worked for De Beers, joined Redaurum in April this year.

Redaurum became a 50 per cent shareholder in River Ranch through its reverse takeover last month of Cornerstone Investments, whose sole asset was a half interest in AZPL.

Mr Baxter-Brown says that after the purchase of equipment from RTZ that was no longer being used in Mafikeng, South Africa, production will increase in two stages to nearly 300,000 carats annually. "We will never be a threat to the CSO," he added.

After De Beers "left" River Ranch, Julian Ogilvie Thompson, De Beers' chairman, said of the mine that "it really is only a tiny little deposit. It was only going to produce a very small amount of diamonds, not worth very much".

De Beers has recently been "invited back for talks in Zimbabwe". Mr Ogilvie Thompson said "they asked us to come and see them again. They didn't give their reasons too clearly...".

Mr Baxter-Brown said 60 per cent of River Ranch's diamonds were higher value gem quality, and that the deposit is estimated to contain nearly 5 million carats.

Several "large" stones have already been found, including a 29-carat light Cape stone, which fetched $110,000, and a 17-carat stone, which realised $95,000.

The company has other diamond target areas in Zimbabwe under its loupe and expects River Ranch to move into full production by next year.

STOCK MARKET

Resumed bull run pushes prices through key 3,000 level

SHARE prices on the London stock market powered to a new high in active trading, finally breaching the key 3,000 level as the bull run resumed with a vengeance.

Investors are increasingly hopeful for interest rate cuts soon, with sentiment lifted in the wake of the Bank of England's upbeat inflation forecast and a cheerful CBI regional survey.

In spite of a negative start, shares continued their roller-coaster ride as a surge in FT-SE futures sparked a rally in the cash market in conditions described by traders as "squeezy", pushing the index to a new intra-day high of 3,010.1.

Investors took heart as bonds surged to record levels after the Bank of France's decision to lower its 24-hour lending rate. The move was seen as a positive step towards a significant easing of monetary policy, bringing further pressure on the Chancellor to reduce UK rates in the autumn.

A positive start on Wall Street further bolstered sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index finished up 34.5 points at a new peak of 3,006.1. Second-liners also fared well, with the FT-SE Mid ending 23.8 higher at 3,430.6. Volume rose to 830.4 million shares.

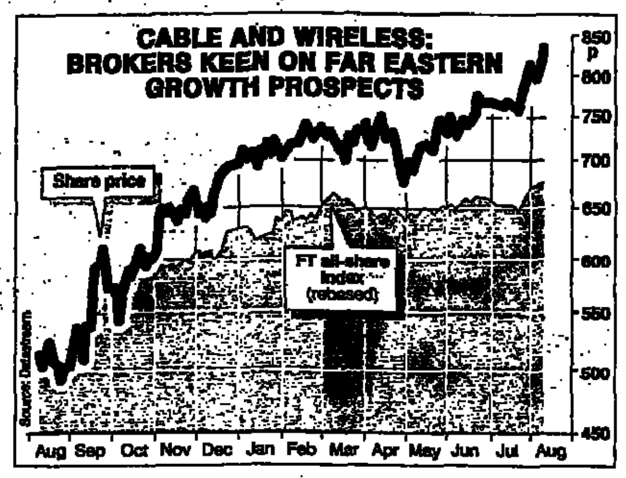
Peter Cartwright, head of research at Williams de Broe, said that the latest French rate cut had prompted investors to buy high-yielding stocks such as **Hanson**, up 3¾p to 255¼p, and the water companies.

Property shares rose strongly, helped by gains in bonds and a buy recommendation from James Capel. Andrew Causer, property analyst at James Capel, said his house had reaffirmed its positive stance on the sector and upgraded asset values across the board. The move is based on the view that as bond yields tumble, so will property yields. That, in turn, means property company net asset values will be higher than people had anticipated.

Capel is positive on most shares in the sector, but its preferred buys include **Land Securities**, up 15p at 660p, **MEPC**, 15p stronger at 493p, **Slough Estates**, 8p firmer at 238p, and **British Land**, which has finalised its partnership with George Soros's Quantum Fund, up 8p at 366p.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Hammerson A** rose 11p to 349p, **Great Portland** 5p to 205p, **Frogmore Estates** 6p to 437p and **Southend Property** 5p to 65p.

James Capel was also said to be recommending buys for **General Accident**, up 11p at 694p, **Sedgwick**, off 2p at 205p, **Saatchi & Saatchi**, down 6p at 162p. **Williams**, up 1p to 337p, and **British Airways**. BA built on Tuesday's 14½p gain, adding another 5½p to 355½p in response to broker upgrades and 4.4 per cent rise in July passenger traffic. **BAA**, up 6p to 803p, was also firmer after reporting its busiest month ever, with about 8.3 million passengers using the group's seven airports last month.



Cable and Wireless advanced 17p to a new high of 835p, boosted by a reiterated buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing on the back of rising volumes in the Far East and optimism about Mercury's prospects.

Simon Nixon, an analyst at CLL, said: "We think the share price will continue to out-perform given the rising volume in Far East traffic and the strong progress at Mercury. We are very bullish on the Far East. We think they've got the potential to grow Hong Kong dollar earnings by 15 per cent in the current year."

James Capel was said to have placed 1.3 million shares in **Anglian Group** at about 327½p. Anglian firmed 2p to 341p, on volume of 4.5 million.

Commercial Union jumped 12p to 661p after unveiling profits at the top end of City's expectations and an almost doubled interim dividend payout. Elsewhere in the sector, **GRE** added 4p to 207p, **Royal Insurance** 1p to 344p, and **Sun Alliance** 7p to 397p. However, the misery continued for **BOC**, with the industrial gases and healthcare group suffering further in the wake of its profits warning and widespread broker downgradings on Tuesday. The shares fell another 5p to 646p, giving a two-day loss of 68p.

But **British Gas** moved further ahead, advancing 13½p to 328p, on heavy volume of 22 million shares. **BT** also continued to find favour with the fully-paid shares, 3½p up at 429½p, on volume of 16 million, and the partly-paid ahead 4½p at 186p, on volume of 12 million.

NatWest reiterated its sell recommendation on **Whitbread**, the A shares up 17½p to 533p, with some concern about the possible impact on the brewer of foreign lager imports into UK supermarkets. **HSBC** put on a strong showing, adding 23p to 744p as the combination of Midland's results and HSBC's forthcoming profits announcment had investors buying the stock. **Abbey National** rose 8p to 414p, **Barclays** 7p to 505p, and **Lloyds** 10p to 544p. **Standard Chartered**, which is due to report interims today, climbed 16p to 898p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts enjoyed further strong gains, with bonds surging to record levels in the wake of the Bank of England's bullish inflation report and the French interest rate cut.

Gains at the longer end stretched to more than one full point, while shorts were more than £½ better.

The Bank took advantage of the buoyant conditions to issue £1.2 billion of additional gilt taps. The long gilt future advanced 28 ticks to a new peak of £112 29/32, on heavy volume of 62,000 contracts.

PHILIP PANGALOS

– Company Notice –

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General Accident plc

RESULTS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 1993

	6 Months to 30.6.93 Estimate £million	6 Months to 30.6.92 Estimate £million	1992 Year Actual £million
Premium Income			
General Business	2,107.0	1,909.7	3,831.5
Long Term Business	413.7	357.0	790.4
	2,520.7	2,266.7	4,621.9
Investment Income	248.2	240.0	504.9
Estate Agency Result	(4.5)	(9.9)	(18.8)
Underwriting -			
General Business Result	(129.0)	(235.2)	(510.1)
Long Term Business Profits	20.9	14.6	34.8
	135.6	9.5	10.8
Less Interest on Loans	9.4	24.9	40.1
Profit (loss) before Taxation	126.2	(15.4)	(29.3)
Taxation - U.K. and Overseas	21.0	(1.1)	(4.1)
Profit (loss) after Taxation	105.2	(14.3)	(25.2)
Minority Interests	(0.3)	0.5	1.7
Net Profit (loss) attributable to Shareholders	105.5	(14.8)	(26.9)
Earnings per Ordinary Share	21.5p	(3.4p)	(7.0p)
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	$1.49	$1.51	$1.51
Canada	$1.92	$1.93	$1.93

Notes

The above results of the General Accident Group for the six months ended 30th June 1993, estimated and unaudited, are compared with those for the similar period in 1992, which are restated at 31st December 1992 rates of exchange. Also shown are the actual results for the full year 1992. These results do not comprise the statutory accounts for 1992 which have been audited without qualification and filed with the Registrar of Companies.

There are no "discontinued operations" or "acquisitions" as defined in FRS3.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not necessarily provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

	6 months to 30.6.93 Premium Income £m	6 months to 30.6.93 Underwriting Result £m	6 months to 30.6.92 Premium Income £m	6 months to 30.6.92 Underwriting Result £m
U.K.	681.5	3.5	600.1	(104.8)
U.S.A.	679.2	(74.1)	676.8	(81.6)
Canada	322.5	(7.1)	223.4	(2.4)
Pacific	170.2	2.5	162.6	(3.1)
Europe other than U.K.	120.0	(20.2)	112.9	(20.6)
Other Overseas	54.7	(11.4)	56.7	(6.0)
London Market Business incl. Internal Reinsurance	78.9	(22.2)	77.2	(16.7)
	2,107.0	(129.0)	1,909.7	(235.2)

Commenting on the results, Mr. Nelson Robertson, General Accident's Group Chief Executive, said:

"With an improvement of almost £142m at the pre-tax level, we have achieved a significant recovery in our operating performance at the half year.

"An outstanding feature of the result is the achievement of an underwriting profit in the UK where the benefits of rating action, more selective underwriting procedures and cost controls produced a substantial and continuing improvement in our performance in the second quarter.

"We have also made progress in other major markets. In the US, where we have applied corrective action to unprofitable lines, we continue to benefit from the successful introduction of rating increases. In Canada, we performed well and reported an excellent profit in the second quarter. We also produced a good profit in the Pacific at the half year and saw strong premium growth in Asia.

"Long-term business continues to progress and has made a substantially increased contribution to profits.

"Net investment income has shown a satisfactory increase during the six months as interest charges continue to fall in line with significantly reduced borrowings.

"In summary, we have made substantial progress at the half year and we expect this positive trend to be maintained. To this end we shall take further corrective action in those areas which continue to produce an unacceptable underwriting return.

"The continuing improvement in our asset value and a return to acceptable levels of profitability further enhances our financial strength and our ability to take full advantage of the opportunities for profitable growth."

Long Term Business

New annual premiums for life business in the United Kingdom for the first six months were £26.0m (1992 £30.3m) and single premiums £176.2m (1992 £159.5m).

Dividend

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st December 1993 of 9.7p per share (1992 9.7p per share) costing £43.7m (1992 £43.6m) payable on or after 1st January 1994 to ordinary shareholders on the Register of Members at close of business on 29th October 1993.

The Directors propose to offer ordinary shareholders the opportunity to receive fully paid ordinary shares in the Company in lieu of the cash dividend.

Net Assets Per Share/Worldwide Solvency

	Current (as at 6.8.93)	31.12.92
Net Asset Value per share	394p	331p
Solvency Margin Worldwide	48.9%	41.5%

These calculations do not take account of the value of the long term assurance business. Current figures are estimated and include an appropriate amount for dividend and trading result up to 6th August 1993. The solvency margin worldwide includes a full year estimate of premium income in respect of direct general insurance business acquired from Prudential in Canada on 30th November, 1992.

A full copy of the interim announcement for 1993 can be obtained from: The Secretary, General Accident plc, Pitheavlis, Perth, Scotland PH2 0NH.

Hands on: Floor traders sending signals at the stock exchange in Tokyo

Japanese trade surplus for July soars to $11.82bn

■ **Japan's new prime minister says he will consider ways to ease import restrictions and to make consumers buy more foreign goods to try to balance trade with America**

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S trade surplus leapt for the 31st successive month last month, underlining the urgency of the issue for the country's new government.

The customs-cleared trade surplus with the rest of the world jumped to $11.82 billion last month from $9.23 billion in the same month last year, the finance ministry said. In June, it stood at $9.97 billion.

The surplus with America climbed to $4.68 billion from $3.81 billion a year earlier, the ministry said.

Morihiro Hosokawa, the prime minister said at his first press conference on Tuesday that reviving Japan's economy — which is passing through its worst post-war recession — and reducing the trade surplus with America were among his government's priority targets.

Mr Hosokawa's coalition took power on Monday, ending 38 years of Liberal Democratic party rule.

Mr Hosokawa said that he would consider ways to encourage Japanese to buy more, ease regulations and allow more foreign goods into the country to try to balance trade with America.

However, Hidehiro Iwaki, senior economist at Nomura Research Institute, said: "It is going to be very difficult to reduce that surplus quickly." He said that there were two ways for Japan to cut the surplus, one by opening its markets and the second by stimulating domestic demand. "The most effective measure for the short term would be to stimulate the economy."

Mr Iwaki added: "Hopefully, the economy will recover and imports will start to grow over exports, so that by the middle of next year the trade surplus will go down. But the United States may not be that patient."

Last month's rise in the surplus came as increases in exports outpaced imports by a wide margin, due to the yen's recent gains against the dollar, economists said.

Exports climbed 9 per cent to $32.18 billion, while imports edged up only 0.4 per cent to $20.37 billion.

A rise in the yen increases the value of Japan's dollar-based exports even if the volume of shipments remains unchanged, the economists noted. The US dollar fell to another record low against the Japanese yen yesterday as renewed worries over the stability of European currencies led to buying of the yen. Tokyo share prices gained for the third consecutive day.

At one point, the dollar plunged to 103.65 yen, below its previous modern low of 103.85 yen set in New York last Thursday. It closed at 103.77 yen, down 0.70 yen from Tuesday's close and its lowest finish in Tokyo since modern exchange rates were set in the late 1940s.

On the stock market, the Nikkei average closed at 20,732.57, up 238.82 points, or 1.17 per cent. On Tuesday, the index had posted an insignificant gain of 0.70 points to 20,493.75.

Although Japan adopted a 13.2 trillion yen (£85.13 million) government package in April to stimulate the economy, clear signs of a recovery have not surfaced, economists said.

Mr Hosokawa said that the effects of the April package had not yet shown and finance ministry officials have been predicting that impact will not filter down into the economy until later in the year.

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WORLD MARKETS

Dow weathers blow to health shares

New York — Wall Street shares stayed slightly higher in early trading, weathering a dive by health maintenance shares after a downgrading of the sector by Donaldson Lufkin and Jenrette.

Phil Orlando, senior vice-president of First Capital Advisers, said: "These stocks are getting hammered on the DLJ downgrade. Everything in the group is down." He said that the fall was eased by Goldman Sachs reiterating its aggressive buy rating for the sector. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 5.87 points to 3,578.60.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed moderately higher as late demand reversed early losses. The Hang Seng index ended at 7,357.63, up 27.82 points.

☐ **Singapore** — Share prices ended marginally higher after fluctuating in slim ranges, with many investors pausing after the market's big leap on Tuesday. The Straits Times industrial index closed 2.26 points higher at 1,901.10 on late gains after the market came under profit-taking for most of the day. The index hit a record high of 1,912.14 on better than expected figures for second-quarter economic growth.

☐ **Sydney** — A lack of strong leads and caution before the federal budget next Tuesday kept shares lacklustre. A broker with James Capel said: "There was no clear direction to guide the market higher. Gold, which has been the saviour, was off again." The all-ordinaries index crawled 0.6 points higher to close at 1861.0. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 11 midday	Aug 10 close
AMP Inc	65¾	65¾
AMR Corp	65¾	66¾
Abbott Labs	23¾	23¾
Aetna Life	59¾	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	42¾	42¾
Albertsons	53¾	53¾
Alcan Alumnm	21¼	21¼
Alco Standard	46¾	46¾
Allied Signal	74	73¾
Alum Co of Am	72¾	72¾
Amax	24¾	24¾
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	30¾	30¾
Amer Cyanamid	47¾	48
Amer El Power	37¾	38
Amer Express	33¾	33¾
Amer Genl Corp	32¾	31¾
Amer Home Pr	60	59¾
Amer Intl	96	96½
Amer Stores	43¾	43¾
Amer T & T	63¾	63¾
Ameritech	82¾	82¾
Amoco	54¾	54¾
Anheuser-Busch	46	46¾
Apple Computer	27¾	28¾
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	9	9¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	38¾	38
Asarco	19¾	19¾
Ashland Oil	31¾	30¾
Atl Richfield	113¾	113¾
Auto Data Pro	50¾	51¼
Avery Dennison	29¾	28¾
Avon Products	57¾	57¾
Baker Hughes	25¾	25¾
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26¾
Banc One	53¾	54¾
BankAmerica	46¾	46¾
Bank of NY	54¾	54¾
Bankers Tr NY	79¾	78¾
Barnett Banks	47¾	47¾
Bausch & Lomb	45¾	46
Baxter Intl	25¾	25¾
Bectn Dicknsn	34¾	35
Bell Atlantic	59	59
BellSouth	56¾	56¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	38	37¾
Boeing	38¾	38¾
Boise Cascade	20¾	20¾
Borden Inc	15¾	15¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	51¾	51¾
Browning Ferris	23¾	23¾
Burlington Nthn	56¾	56¾
CBS	243	241¼
CNA Financial	88¾	88¾
CPC Intl	41¾	41¾
CSX	76¾	76¾
Campbell Soup	35¾	35¾
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Cptl Cities ABC	502¾	499
Cptl Holdings	42¾	42¾
Carolina Pwr	32¾	32¾
Caterpillar	81¾	80¾
Central & SW	33	33¾
Champion Intl	32¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	34¾	34¾
Chemical Bk	41¾	41¾
Chevron Corp	86¾	85¾
Chrysler	43¾	43¾
Chubb Corp	93	92¾
Cigna Corp	61¾	61¾
Citicorp	32¾	32¾
Clorox	52¾	51¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	43	42¾
Colgate-Palmolive	48¾	49
Columbia Gas	22¾	22¾
Commonw Ed	30	30
Compaq Comp	51¾	52¾
Comp Ass Intl	30¾	30¾
Conagra	23¾	23
Cons Edison	37	37
Cons Nat Gas	52	51¾
Cons Rail	55¾	55¾
Cooper Inds	49¾	49¾
Corning Inc	30¾	31¾
Crown Cork	36¾	35¾
Dana Corp	54	54
Dayton Hudson	68¾	68
Deere	67¾	66¾
Delta Air Lines	51¾	52¾
Deluxe Corp	36¾	36¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	37¾	37¾
Dillard Dept St	35¾	35
Disney (Walt)	36¾	37¾
Dominion Res	47¾	47¾
Donnelley (RR)	30¾	30¾
Dover Corp	51¾	50¾
Dow Chemicals	58¾	58¾
Dow Jones	29¾	29¾
Dresser	24¾	24
Duke Power	42¾	42
Dun & Bradstreet	59¾	58¾
Du Pont	48¾	48¾
Eastman Kodak	61¾	60¾
Eaton Corp	46	44¾
Emerson Elec	60¾	60¾
Engelhard Corp	38¾	38¾
Enron Corp	67¾	68¼
Entergy Corp	37¾	38
Ethyl Corp	18¾	18¾
Exxon	64¾	64¾
FMC Corp	49¾	49
FPL Group	39¾	39¾
Federal Express	56¾	56¾
Fed Nat Mtge	83¾	83¾
First Chicago	46¾	46¾
First Interstate	64¾	62¾
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33
Fluor Corp	41¾	42
Ford Motor	52¾	52¾
GTE Corp	35¾	35¾
Gannett	51	50¾
Gap Inc Del	30¾	29¾
Gen Dynamics	94¾	94½
Gen Electric	99¾	98¾
Gen Mills	58¾	58¾
Gen Motors	48	48¾
Gen Reinsurance	128¾	128¾
Gen Signal	31¼	31¼
Genuine Parts	36¾	36
Georgia Pac	60¾	60¾
Gillette	52¾	52¾
Glaxo ADR	15¾	15¾
Goodrich (BF)	48	47¾
Goodyear Tire	41¼	41¼
Grace (WR)	38¾	37¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	31	30¾
Great Wstn Fin	17	17
Halliburton	39¾	39¾
Harcourt General	38¾	38¾
Heinz (HJ)	35¾	35¾
Hercules	82¾	82½
Hershey Foods	46¾	46
Hewlett Packard	73¾	72¾
Hilton Hotels	43¾	42¾
Home Depot	46½	45¾
Homestake Mng	19¾	19¾
Honeywell	36¾	36¼
Household Intl	77¾	76½
Houston Inds	45¾	45¼
Humana	10¾	11¼
ITT Corp	93	92¾
Illinois Tool	37¾	37¾
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	35¾	35¾
Inland Steel	26¾	27¾
Intel Corp	58¾	56¾
IBM	42¾	43¾
Intl Flav & Fr	113¾	113¾
Intl Paper	65¾	65¾
James River Va	20¾	20¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	36¾	36¾
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	48¾	48¾
Kerr-McGee	52¾	52¾
Kimberly-Clark	45¾	45¾
Knight-Ridder	54¾	54¾
Lilly (Eli)	44¼	44¾
Limited Inc	21¼	21
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Litton	67	67
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Lockheed Corp	63¾	62¾
Louisiana Pac	33¾	33¾
MCI Commun	27¾	27¾
Marriott	27¾	27¾
Marsh & McLnn	89¾	89¾
Masco Corp	30	29¾
May Dept St	42	41¼
Maytag Corp	17	16½
McCaw Cellular	51¼	50¾
McDonalds	52¾	52¾
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McGraw Hill	65¾	66
Mead Corp	43¾	43¾
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Merck Inc	29¾	30
Merrill Lynch	88¾	88½
Minnesota Mine	107¾	106¾
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NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	30¾	27¾
Norfolk Sthrn	64¾	64¾
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Norwest Corp	26¾	26
Nynex Corp	90¾	90¾
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Ohio Edison	25¾	25¾
Oracle Systems	51¾	51¾
Oryx Energy Co	20	19¾
Owens Corning	42¾	41¾
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	71	70¾
Paccar Inc	62	62¾
Pacificorp	19	18½
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pac Gas & Elect	35	35
Pac Telesis	48¾	48¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	25¾	25¾
Paramnt Comm	54	54
Parker Hannifin	34¾	34¾
Penney (JC)	44¾	44
Pennzoil	65¾	65¾
Pepsico	37¾	37¾
Pfizer	59¾	59¾
Phelps Dodge	47¾	47¾
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¾
Philip Morris	46	45¾
Phillips Pet	31¼	31¼
Pitney Bowes	43¾	43¾
Polaroid	37¾	37¾
Price Co	32	32¾
Primerica	56¾	56¾
Procter & Gmbl	46¾	46¾
Pub Serv E & G	35¾	35¾
Quaker Oats	65¾	65¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	36¾	37¾
Raytheon	62	61¼
Reebok Intl	23¾	24¾
Reynolds Metals	50¾	50¾
Roadway Srvcs	58¾	60¾
Rockwell Intl	35¾	35¾
Rohm & Haas	53¾	52¾
Royal Dutch	94¾	95
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Safeco Corp	64	62¾
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Salomon Inc	45¾	45¾
Santa Fe Pac	17¾	17¾
Sara Lee Corp	22¾	22¾
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Schlumberger	61¾	61¼
Scott Paper	33¾	33
Seagram	26	25¾
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Shell Trans	57¾	57¾
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Skyline Corp	19¾	19
Snap-On-Tools	44¾	43¾
Southern Co	43¾	42¾
Sthwestern Bell	41¾	41¾
Sprint Corp	35¾	35¾
Stanley Works	42¾	42¾
Sun Company	29¾	29¾
Suntrust	45¾	45¾
Supervalu	37¾	36¾
Syntex Corp	16¾	16¾
Sysco Corp	28¾	28¾
TRW Inc	66¼	65¾
Tandem Comp	10	9¾
Tandy Corp	29	28¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	24¾	24¾
Temple Inland	41¾	41¾
Tenneco	51	50¾
Texaco	63¾	63¾
Texas Inst	78	76¾
Texas Utilities	48	47¾
Textron	55¾	55¾
Time Warner	38¾	38¾
Times-Mirror	31¾	30¾
Timken	34¾	34¾
Torchmark	58¾	58¾
Toys R Us	36	36
Transamerica	58¾	58¾
Travelers Corp	32¾	32¾
Tribune	51¾	50¾
Tyco Labs	41¾	41¾
UAL Corp	145	140¾
UST Inc	26¾	26¾
USX Marathon	18¾	17¾
Unilever NV	97¾	97¾
Union Camp	43¾	43¾
Union Carbide	18	17¾
Union Pacific	64¾	64
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAir Group	16¾	17
USF&G Corp	17¾	17¾
US Life	41¾	41¾
US West	46	46¾
United Tech	58¾	57¾
Unocal Corp	27¾	27¾
Upjohn	28¾	28¾
VF Corp	44¾	43¾
WMX Tech	30¾	31
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25
Warner-Lambert	65¾	64¾
Wells Fargo	115¾	114¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	41¾	40¾
Whirlpool	65¾	66
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	65¾	65¾
Woolworth	24¾	25¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	37¾	37¾
Xerox	74¾	74¾

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Domino	432p (+23p)
Takeda Chem	852p (+26p)
Thomson Corp	805p (+20p)
Ranger	335p (+25p)
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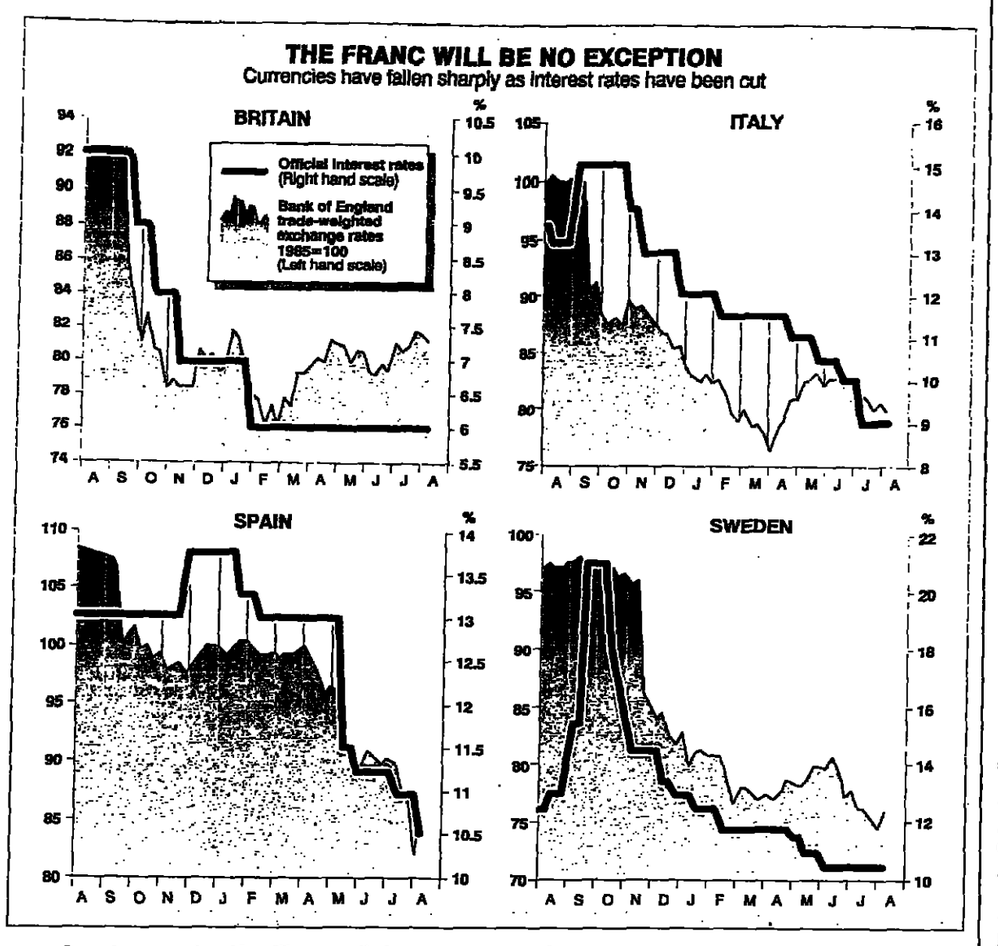
ECONOMIC VIEW

What really happened the day the ERM collapsed

Edouard Balladur should draw the right lessons from his country's humiliation, or suffer the consequences, Anatole Kaletsky argues



Four weeks ago, the last time I wrote this column, I offered some unsolicited advice to Edouard Balladur, the prime minister of France. I argued that he should immediately arrange an orderly devaluation of the franc against the mark. If he failed to devalue, the markets would do it for him, ending the French dream of "European construction". This was to build a centralised Europe from the monetary roof downwards, making sure that it was run by the only people clever enough to manage such an unusual mode of construction: graduates of the *École Normale d'Administration*.

In at least one respect, my analysis was flawed. I said that M Balladur was "a skilled economist, in contrast to John Major" and would, therefore, devalue voluntarily instead of allowing his policies to be destroyed by events. Like most financiers and analysts, I was deceived: I confused the intellectual gloss of the French *Énarchs* for strategic vision and common sense.

Yet, with every day that passes since the currency debacle, it becomes clearer that the French government did not know what it was doing in the ERM. I have pieced together some telling details about events that week.

The Bank of France seemed to realise the situation was hopeless immediately after the Bundesbank meeting at lunchtime on Thursday July 29, and asked M Balladur for permission to float the franc the next day. The prime minister, however, was adamant, apparently hoping that Helmut Kohl would be willing to activate a little-known clause in the German constitution giving him the right to issue formal instructions to the Bundesbank on interest rates.

Top officials in the French Treasury encouraged M Balladur, believing that Hans Tietmeyer, president-elect of the Bundesbank, would campaign on behalf of France within the Bundesbank, if necessary opposing the retiring president, Helmut Schlesinger. If internal pressure on the Bundesbank failed, French diplomats thought they could push the mark out of the ERM — pinning on Germany the blame for wrecking the system and making the franc, the anchor currency of the new ERM.

The meeting of the European monetary committee on the Saturday morning, July 31, showed that French officials were out of touch with reality on all these points. What was planned as a ruthless inquisition of the Bundesbank and the German government turned into a sometimes comical attack on French pretensions. And the German hardliner was not Dr Schlesinger (who mostly watched in amiable silence) but Herr Tietmeyer.

The French miscalculation was apparent from the start, when Herr Tietmeyer greeted everyone with a *bonjour*. When asked why he was not speaking German or English, he replied, "apparently we are all now required to speak French in the EMS". The Germans immediately proposed a widening of the ERM bands, to allow an effective devaluation of the franc and other weak currencies. The French counter-attacked with a three-point plan: all ERM governments would issue a joint statement promising unlimited intervention to support existing bands; the Bundesbank would give a public commitment to buy francs for its own account, without having the ultimate exchange risk borne by the Bank of France (as it is under ERM rules); finally, the Bundesbank would announce an immediate cut in its repo rate. Herr Tietmeyer responded tersely: "You forgot a fourth point: Germany must abandon the mark and give up its national sovereignty."

At another point in the meeting, a Portuguese official suggested that instead of widening the ERM bands, the core countries could move immediately to an informal monetary union. A German official replied: "I hope that proposal was intended as a joke." With Saturday's meeting deadlocked, the monetary committee broke up into bilateral talks and France raised its backup plan — German should temporarily leave the ERM. To the surprise of the French, Germany readily agreed to this plan — an attitude which probably meant that Germany no longer considered the ERM a credible system and did not mind being blamed for its collapse. What the French had failed to anticipate was that some other ERM members were only interested in belonging to a German-dominated system. At the full meeting of finance ministers on Sunday, it became clear that The Netherlands would insist on floating its guilder out of the ERM along with the mark. And if The Netherlands floated out, Belgium and Luxembourg would follow suit. Belgium, wracked by internal conflict between the French-speaking Walloons and the Flemish, could not afford to stay in a French-dominated bloc while the Dutch sided with Germany.

With all the alternatives exhausted, the French were forced to accept Germany's original proposal — a widening of the ERM fluctuation margins. Belgium, with reluctant French backing, initially proposed widening the margins: to 4 or 6 per cent, and finally to 10 per cent. But by then the Germans and Dutch were in command. Germany insisted that 10 per cent bands would not be wide enough. The Netherlands that it would stick to its present margins of 2¼ per cent. With time running out before the markets opened in Tokyo, the ministers had to reach a decision. Belgium proposed 15 per cent fluctuation margins for all countries except Holland. The Bundesbank agreed, and the meeting ended within minutes.

After this series of rebuffs, can M Balladur still want to ruin his country in order to keep the franc within a "shadow" band of 5 or 6 per cent against the mark? That is what most French analysts believe. In truth, it is more likely that French monetary policy in the past ten days has been merely a feint, designed to trick inexperienced financial operators into buying francs from the Bank of France. But as the days tick by, the suspicion grows that M Balladur may sincerely want to "defend" the franc.

If so, the French economy will go from bad to worse. France will suffer the collapse of economic confidence that was seen after White Wednesday in Britain, but will miss out on the benefit of sharply lower interest rates. As in Sweden, Italy and Spain, the monetary caution will not prevent French interest rates eventually falling — and the currency sinking. Whatever happens, the franc now seems bound for Fr3.70 to the mark. The only question now is whether France benefits or suffers even more, as its currency falls.

TEMPUS

Running of the bull

BULL markets have an astonishingly selective outlook on the world. On Tuesday, the stock market shrugged off a profits warning from BOC, one of its largest and most stable constituents, with hardly a shiver. Yesterday the FT-SE 100 index smashed through 3,000 merely on the strength of a half-point cut in the Bank of France's 24-hour interest rate.

Tempus suggested on Monday that the rally in share prices had further to go, but investors have taken up the challenge even more enthusiastically than expected. The absence of any impending rights issues to soak up institutional cashflow and the brightening economic outlook on the Continent has exacerbated the stock shortage the market has been suffering for several months.

At 3,006.1, the FT-SE 100 index has now largely discounted the next base rate cut. Since that is unlikely to arrive before the autumn, this week's exuberant gains suggest the market has run a little too far too fast. Share prices will have difficulty rising much beyond this level, particularly if another round of cash calls materialises in the next few months.

Longer term, the market's yield of 3.9 per cent is not outrageously out of line with base rates or gilt yields. If inflation and interest rates remain around current levels for the foreseeable future, as most economists expect, current share prices are justified. Investors who baulk at buying shares for more than 20 times next year's earnings have simply never operated in a low-interest rate environment. Share prices will only drop if the inflationary outlook worsens. Then, history suggests, they will drop very sharply indeed.

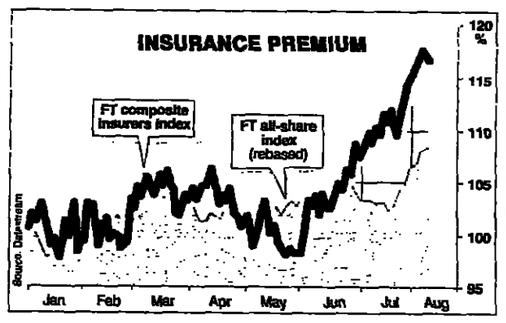
Commercial Union

WITH breathtaking cheek, Commercial Union is dipping its hand in shareholders' pockets, with an enhanced scrip dividend that should raise another £100 million in extra retentions, only six months after tapping them for a £428 million call.

Enhanced scrip dividends were pioneered by companies such as BAT Industries and RTZ to escape from structural advance corporation tax liabilities. These companies could never hope to generate sufficient domestic profits to recover ACT payments, but CU can hardly claim it has a structural ACT problem. When profits from its domestic general and life businesses recover fully, they are more than capable of offsetting the group's past and present ACT payments. Yesterday's enhanced scrip looks suspiciously like a top-up to the rights issue.

CU's demand for more cash is understandable, given the 14 per cent underlying rise in its premium income in the first half. If the group plans to expand its business at this speed, the solvency margin would have look strained without another equity infusion. CU should pause before chasing so much new business, given the dangers of exuberant underwriting.

The group's shares held up well yesterday, since the market is always loath to turn down a handout. It may be less relaxed when the shares go ex-dividend next Monday.



BAA

MARKETS love good news but in BAA's case they seem prepared to reward the share price on traffic statistics that are merely reassuring. In the absence of war or a collapse in sterling, one might expect a boost to airport traffic from holiday travellers but growth is only marginally ahead of BAA's forecast for the year.

BAA's shares trade on an ambitious multiple of almost 19 times expected earnings in the current year, so the market expects something more than this sort of marginal increase in traffic.

The bull case for BAA is all about retailing. The company paints a rosy picture of growth with 350,000 sq ft of extra shops to be added in the next five years.

The aggressive expansion in commercial income is designed to make up for the shortfall in revenue from airport charges, currently depressed by the RPI minus 8 per cent formula dictated by the Civil Aviation Authority. Hefty rent increases imposed on airline tenants over the past two years mean that rental growth is likely to slow down. BAA also needs to plan for the £1 billion construction cost of the proposed Terminal 5 at Heathrow, although the CAA is likely to relax the RPI formula to facilitate the development.

If BAA is a retailer, it is hard to understand why it enjoys a better rating than Marks and Spencer, which currently yields 3 per cent, 0.3 points more than the airport group. M&S has a longer experience in the retailing trade and is not affected by the fortunes of airlines. Nor is it exposed to regulatory whims.

Japan

THE 239-point rise in the Nikkei index shows that Tokyo's financial markets are pleased with Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's new prime minister, and his fragile seven-party coalition. At least they are relieved that someone has been able to form a government after months of uncertainty. The chance that he will announce a new package of fiscal stimuli in his policy statement later this month, coupled with renewed hope that the Bank of Japan will cut the discount rate has helped to give the Nikkei new impetus.

The rewards may not come as quickly as investors hope. Electoral reform is at the forefront of Mr Hosokawa's mind, and economic matters may be neglected for a spell, even assuming the coalition survives. The government also has less scope for tax cuts than the market might hope, due to dwindling tax revenues. There could be a cut of perhaps Y2,000 billion (£13 billion) but it might not come until the end of the fiscal year in March.

Prospects for a discount rate cut look more hopeful, but for the wrong reasons. The market could suffer a succession of poor economic data next month. Many of Japan's manufacturers have increased holiday allowance which is likely to depress industrial production, while second-quarter GNP figures are also unlikely to be palatable. The Bank of Japan may well feel obliged to order a half-point cut simply to counter this bad news, but such a long-awaited cut is unlikely to boost or even hold share prices.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Tycoon feels the chill

THE hyenas appear to be closing in on Bernard Tapie, the ex-politician turned football club owner who ranks as one of France's most controversial entrepreneurs. Tapie, who has suffered a run of adverse publicity since the scandal over alleged bribes at his Marseilles football club, is seeing his finances come under pressure like never before. The weak state of the property market has knocked down the value of his hotel in Paris from Fr100 million to an estimated Fr30 million, and the problems at Marseilles have led to a drop in football sponsorship, considerably reducing the value of his Fr130 million investment. The club's debts stand at about Fr110 million, and the Bernard Tapie Group, which turned round a string of ailing companies in the 1980s, has debts of about Fr500 million. The socialist tycoon told a French magazine recently that his Paris mansion and yacht were mortgaged, the value of his shares had slumped, and he had sold antiques and a Rubens.

Lifting the lid

HOWARD Hughes, the aviator, movie mogul, founder of TWA and businessman extraordinare, was called "the enigma of the century". A new book, *Howard Hughes: The Secret Life*, by Charles Higham (£16.99), to be published by Sidgwick and Jackson next month, claims yet again to lift the lid on the strange life of the multi-millionaire, exploring the hermit-like existence of his later years along with the blanket of corruption, dishonesty and bad faith that allegedly overshadowed his business dealings. Arguably, his greatest love was his flying boat, the *Spruce Goose*, which flew just once — on November 2, 1947 — before becoming one of the world's more exotic tourist attractions at Long Beach, California. Last year, it was sent to Oregon to form the centre-piece of a new aviation museum.

Freedom's march

THE web that embraces the Square Mile is much bigger and stickier than one might at first imagine. A quick scan down the list of Freemen of the City reveals an astonishing array of occupations. The roll-call includes a taxi driver, hearing therapist, scrap metal merchant, harbourmaster, playgroup supervisor, the Speaker of the House of Commons, potter, car park attendant, newsagent, school beadle, salesman, cardiologist, dancer, toastmaster, demographer, butler, computer programmer, behaviour therapist, debt collector, fine art auctioneer and musician. It also includes Alan Bond, the disgraced Australian entrepreneur, who is not thought to have taken up his right to drive a flock of sheep over London Bridge . . . so far. In the meantime, it has come to light that London's taxi drivers are seeking grant of livery — a refreshing contrast to the usual bigwigs.

"The CBI is right — demand is definitely higher"

Mission possible

NOW this is true grit. P&O Containers, part of the shipping, construction and property group, has stepped in to help a disabled Vietnam war veteran who is motor cycling round the world. David Barr, who has been travelling round Britain, is bound for Australia and needed help to get his Harley Davidson to Brisbane. Happy to oblige, P&O will load it today on to one of its ships at Barking, east London. Barr, 39, flew more than 1,000 combat missions in Vietnam as a helicopter crew chief; only to lose both legs in a landmine explosion in Angola. Since visiting the UK in 1991, he has travelled through Europe to the Arctic Circle, on to Chile via America, through South-East Asia, China, Africa, Scandinavia, and back to Britain; raising funds and increasing awareness about the disabled along the way.

Trading places

MORE blues for the Swiss. Kevin Darlington, UK economist at UBS, is leaving to join neighbouring house Hoare Govett. Darlington, who joined the firm from the Treasury in the late 1980s, handed in his notice yesterday. He follows in the footsteps of Avinash Persaud, the former UBS currency specialist, who has resurfaced at JP Morgan. News of Darlington's departure — the third from UBS in two weeks — is bound to set tongues wagging. Mark Clubb, one of the firm's top UK institutional salesmen, has signed up with Barclays de Zoete Wedd, and Alan Davis is moving to James Capel as a banking sector specialist salesman.

Golden chance

IF AUTHORS generally let out a gentle sigh of relief on publication of their work, it was little wonder that Ross Louthean let out a loud whoopie as his invaluable *Register of Australian Mining, 1993/94*, which details all Australian mining companies and more than 3,000 deposits, was issued in London. Louthean had carted numerous copies of the register from his native Australia to London for a presentation to the investment community, and since each register weighs 1,267 grammes that was some baggage. Interested investors may balk at the price, but now that the gold price is rising, and Australian mining shares are back in fashion, the cover price at £145 could well be worth its weight in information — and is still only just over half the price of one ounce of real gold.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Confusion over type of employment

From Mr T. D. A. Steven

Sir, I am a small businessman whose business failed in April 1992, and who has a crisis of identity.

My company was a properly incorporated limited company and was, unfortunately, a victim of the recession.

It seems that because I was the "boss" and not answerable to anyone that the Department of Employment has classified me as "self-employed" and, therefore, not eligible for redundancy pay.

Being simple-minded, I then asked the Department of Social Security for my class 1 National Insurance contributions back, since I was not eligible for that particular benefit. I was particularly interested in the "Employers NIC". The Department of Social Security contributions agency advised me that, as far as they were concerned, I was an "employee" of the company and, therefore, required to pay Class 1 for myself and the employers contribution for the company.

So now I find that for the purpose of the DSS I am an employee but to the Department of Employment I am self-employed.

Have any of your readers had this experience — if so I would like to hear from them and especially if they were able to resolve it.

Yours faithfully,
T. D. A. STEVEN,
4 Eastfield Close,
Andover,
Hampshire.

Building society members need voice

From Dr K. W. E. Craven

Sir, The highly controversial proposal to merge The Leeds Permanent with the National & Provincial Building Society demonstrates the need for independent directors and greater democracy within our building societies.

Would a tame compliant board ever be likely to oppose such grandiose and damaging plans?

Truly independent directors could better reflect the views of the millions of members who comprise the societies, who are all too well aware of what job losses and branch closures mean both to them and to the loyal staff.

But any ordinary member standing for election as director faces a host of obstacles, many of which seem grossly unfair.

For instance, many building societies, including The Leeds Permanent and the National & Provincial require a person seeking election to have not less than 50 members to back the nomination.

Furthermore, The Leeds board may require candidates to supply them with written proof of their "financial and managerial experience, creditworthiness, competence and character".

Can anyone envisage such conditions being imposed by the party in power on opponents at parliamentary or local elections?

It should be the proud boast of wary building societies that it welcomes greater participation by its members in its affairs and elections, yet since I decided to stand in the forthcoming election of directors of The Leeds, I have encountered nothing but difficulties, of which the foregoing is but a small part.

It is a sad fact that in most building society elections, less than one in 20 members bothers to vote.

I therefore urge all members of both, or indeed all other building societies to use their votes to help protect the independence and standards of service they appreciate in the societies they mutually own.

Only by voting can members preserve, or resurrect, the spirit of mutuality that once characterised the building society movement.

In rejecting the merger, members will show that they do have a voice, a voice that the present directors have not yet heard.

Yours faithfully,
K. W. E. CRAVEN,
Melander Close,
York.

Weathering recession

From Mr Brian Warnes

Sir, The Bank of England's, perhaps surprising, comment that companies are in better shape to weather coming out of this recession than the last, has a curious echo in Donald Kirkham's comments on The Woolwich's first-half results of £88 million pre-tax (August 10), compared with £36 million. "A widening of margins to 2.1 per cent had made a 'fantastic' contribution to profits, creating a 'stronger capital base which benefits savers and borrowers alike'."

Companies that can think, and act, like this will indeed have far fewer problems coming out of the recession than those who can't, or won't; the "stronger capital base" and higher growth rate of profits (ie continuing strengthening of the capital base) contributing, in conjunction with the banks, perhaps decisively to attracting the full funding required.

Managements's knowledge of what might be called the financial dynamics of business (the relatively new approach now being taken up) will, possibly more than any other single factor, determine who encounters problems, and who does not.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN WARNES
(Manging Director),
Business Dynamics Limited,
13 Blackheath Village, SE3.

Cheers to success

From Mr Ken Broad

Sir, If as you report the company making Welsh whisky can make a profit approaching £300,000 on a turnover of £650,000 (Your Own Business, August 10) I must be in the wrong business? Anyone interested in Shropshire Sherry or a Newport Noggin?

Yours sincerely,
KEN BROAD,
Ultrasport, 4 St Mary's Street,
Newport, Shropshire.

Army of workers

From Wing Commander T. F. H. Hudson, RAF (retired)

Sir, In his article (August 4) Graham Searjeant wonders why there were only 300,000 unemployed "a generation ago". Surely, the answer is that we then had conscription (to which I am opposed because of its inefficiency). Before it was abolished, it must have caused the employment of at least a million individuals. Incidentally, comparisons between our unemployment figures and those of other European countries are often distorted by the fact that they have conscription and we do not.

Yours faithfully,
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Chilton Foliat,
Hungerford, Berkshire.

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Bonn keeps up pressure on Russia to pay debts

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

■ Germany's urgent need to reduce public expenditure as it absorbs the cost of unification has forced it to take a tough line with the former Soviet Union

GERMANY, Russia's biggest trading partner, has refused to reinstate official credit guarantees for exports to Russia, despite receiving a long overdue payment from Moscow.

The suspension of Germany's "Hermes" export credit insurance was ordered last week by Günter Rexrodt, the economics minister, in response to Russia's persistent default on its debt payment.

The Russian government, trying to assuage western fears about its intentions concerning a foreign debt mountain of $80 billion, yesterday insisted it had not asked the leading western industrial nations to forgive part of its debt.

Boris Fyodorov, the finance minister, told a press conference in Moscow that Russia was still formulating its position on debt repayment. Last week, the Russian representative to the International Monetary Fund said that Moscow was planning to ask western governments and banks to write off a large portion of Russian debt. Mr Fyodorov said: "Russia has not made any official moves to have its debts cancelled."

Bonn's urgent need to reduce public expenditure, which was boosted by the huge cost of German unification, has forced it to take a tougher line on economic relations with the former Soviet Union, an area in which the German government traditionally showed some largesse in support of political goals. Germany last year exported goods worth DM10.7 billion to Russia, a decline of almost 28 per cent on the year.

The German government had to pay DM3.36 billion last year to honour export credit guarantees, which represented a rise of almost 16 per cent on the previous year. Defaults by the former Soviet Union were the main problem. Russia's debt to the its western commercial bank creditors, the so-called London Club, has risen to about $24 billion from the previously estimated $16 billion, according to the Russian government.

Herr Rexrodt disclosed on Tuesday that Russia had just made a token payment of DM50 million to Germany. But he said Bonn would wait to see if Moscow followed up with a DM500 million interest payment due late next month under a rescheduling deal with its western official creditors, before restoring Hermes cover for Russia.

Keen to restore east Germany's trading ties with the former Soviet bloc, Bonn has left export credit cover in place for east German firms that could collapse if the export guarantees were withdrawn.

Russian firms have shown interest in east German enterprises being sold off by Treuhand, the German privatisation agency. But the lack of Russian creditworthiness has made it difficult for Treuhand to transfer property until pledged investments, often in the form of barter trade, have been made.

German coal producer fears for future

By Our World Trade Correspondent

RUHRKOHLE, Germany's largest coal producer, says it expects more of the country's steel producers to follow Klöckner's example and withdraw from a long-term pact to buy indigenous coke at well above world market prices.

The loss of more steel customers could threaten the future of Germany's deep-mined coal industry; the energy generators are unlikely to want to continue paying high prices for native fuel if other sectors are allowed to turn to cheaper foreign coal. Ruhrkohle, which has still to feel the full effects of Klöckner's withdrawal, reported sales of 20.3 million tonnes of coal in the first half of this year, down 3.8 per cent on last time.

Earlier this year, the company announced plans to cut its workforce by 20,000 by the end of 1994, but further erosion of its market could mean deeper cuts.

Ruhrkohle reduced its staff numbers by almost 2,700 to 79,000 in the first six months this year, and laid off 900 people last month.

On Tuesday, Günter Rexrodt, the German economics minister, said the jobless numbers could reach a peak of 4 million next winter, despite signs that the economy is no longer contracting.

An arbitration court ruled last month that Klöckner, which has just come out of bankruptcy protection, should be released from the coke contract that runs to the year 2000. Klöckner estimates that it will save an annual DM100 million by being allowed to buy 30 per cent of its coke at world market prices.

Ruhrkohle's company magazine said that sales had "worsened dramatically", with only the power generators increasing their coal purchases in the first half of this year.

Coke demand, mainly from the steel industry, had slumped 22 per cent. Coal and coke production fell 12.3 per cent to 2.8 million tonnes.

STEPHEN MARKESON

Discounting discounting: Moreton Binn likes bartering

Bartering offered as way forward for top companies

By Our World Trade Correspondent

BARTER may sound like a primitive form of trade favoured in badly working economies, but Moreton Binn, president of Attwood Richards, America's leading corporate barterer, sees it offering any sophisticated company the means of ensuring maximum value from surplus, or slow-moving stock.

Mr Binn, who recently opened his company's London branch in Mayfair's Park Street, said that barter, or counter-trade, should be deployed to prevent companies from shooting themselves in the foot by destroying valuable brands through panic discounting.

The unlocking of the former Soviet bloc offers a windfall opportunity for barter trade, Mr Binn said, but he pointed out that the same trading principle operates successfully in highly developed market economies. Mr Binn is convinced that too many company executives condemn themselves unjustly for running into the problem of excessive inventories, which often reflect the speed of technological change and rapidly switching consumer tastes.

Under pressure from their accountants, the banks, the stock market and shareholders, too many business executives fear the stigma of being left with stock, he said.

Mr Binn's message to executives is simple: "Get off the psychological problem that you did something wrong." And what you must not do, he stresses, is to take the road that some companies, such as Bally, the Swiss shoemaker, have gone. Bally, he said, cut the prices on its quality shoes in the same markets, or even outlets, where it sold its full-price footwear.

"Fast cash does not always help the long-term problem," according to Mr Binn. Why, he says, liquidate at 25 cents in the dollar when through the creative route of barter, using a specialist company, firms can offload their excess stock in exchange for barter credits that go on the books at full value?

The problem of moving the goods is then switched to the barter company, which acts as principal, not just as a broker. The barter company then uses its international network to buy goods and services with the product, usually under strict agreement to operate outside the producer's existing markets.

The New York-based Attwood Richards has been heavily involved in the clothes trade, a sector constantly finding itself overwhelmed by stock, reflecting the fickleness of fashion and the weather. Bartering American fashionwear for Spanish oranges, and oranges for Russian caviare, has shown what a store of value last year's range of dresses can prove.

The US Commerce Department has estimated that more than 35 per cent of world business was conducted through barter in the late 1980s. Attwood Richards now does about half of its business in Europe. Although reluctant to disclose his profit figures, Mr Binn said the company nets about 8 per cent.

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Mastertrust	126.40	135.10	+1.40	1.09
International	97.76	104.00	+1.60	.51
Dividend Gth	59.75	63.56†	+0.09	4.42
Global Gth Sec	62.99	67.01	+0.01	2.34
Ethical Growth	66.36	70.59	+0.02	2.24
High Inc Equity	158.50	168.60†	+0.10	4.67
Worldwide Bond	274.60	291.20†	+3.40	3.61
Gilts Fixed Int	135.60	143.80	+0.70	5.56
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	44.87	47.35	+0.37	0.66
European	87.40	92.64	+0.73	...
European Inc	82.53	87.57	+0.77	1.71
Exempt	921.00	949.50†	+0.20	3.23
Extra Inc	47.27	51.52	+0.41	4.48
F East Emerg Ec	91.73	98.73†	+1.00	0.66
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 618366				
High Inc	412.10	440.50	+4.90	3.73
Equity Inc	228.60	244.30	+3.10	3.73
High Yield	254.60	272.10	+3.30	3.76
Balanced	673.70	720.10	+6.60	2.44
American Inc	49.85	53.28†	...	3.02
Wld Asset Val	42.95	45.91†	+0.17	0.98
Japan	217.30	231.50	+3.80	0.01
Secs of Am	426.10	453.30	+1.20	0.56
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	328.30	349.30	+0.70	2.57
-do- Inc	232.70	247.60	+0.60	2.57
Higher Inc Acc	612.50	651.60	+1.70	3.43
-do- Inc	372.10	395.90	+1.10	3.43
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	185.20	195.50	+1.00	5.74
-do- Inc	97.08	102.50	+0.60	5.74
Nth America	255.30	271.70	+1.80	...
Far East	327.30	348.20	+7.20	0.17
Europe	240.90	256.30	+1.80	0.80
General Inc	447.90	476.50	+1.90	2.34
-do- Acc	491.30	522.70	+2.10	2.34
Brit Excell	66.37	70.61	+0.15	2.65
Brit Fndmntls Inc	72.40	77.03	+0.21	4.41
Brit Fndmntls Acc	93.33	99.29	+0.26	4.41
Global Opps	78.56	83.58	+1.01	0.01
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	261.30	275.10	+4.50	1.29
Capital Gwth	107.30	112.80	...	2.41
Worldwide Opps	160.40	168.80	...	0.56
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	109.50	116.80	...	2.81
Euro Gth Inc	122.00	129.40	+0.50	1.79
Extra Inc	113.40	121.30	+0.20	4.61
General	253.70	271.30	...	2.85
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.35	63.43	+0.26	7.81
Income	511.40	547.00	+0.20	4.21
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	96.46	102.30	+0.70	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	128.10	137.30	+1.80	...
Convertibles	54.88	58.69	+0.22	7.10
Eastern	197.30	212.50	+2.70	1.60
Equity Income	87.05	92.60	+0.23	6.30
European Gth	247.20	262.90	+2.40	1.50
Europe	158.50	169.80	+1.30	1.50
Exempt	86.22	88.50†	+1.53	3.50
German Growth	66.20	70.50	+0.88	0.70
Global Growth	114.60	122.40	+1.20	...
Japan Growth	215.60	230.70	+5.50	...
Japan Sunrise	189.20	202.40	+3.80	...
Portfolio	125.50	134.33	+0.70	3.20
-do- Acc	223.60	239.10	+1.10	3.20
UK Growth	84.92	90.34	-0.07	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.80	92.83	-0.44	1.90
Select Managers	67.51	72.21	+0.45	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	109.50	117.11	+0.33	1.87
-do- Inc	99.54	106.46	+0.30	1.87
Global Bond	30.53	32.39	+0.17	5.37
High Yield Acc	57.96	61.98	+0.25	3.50
-do- Inc	41.61	44.50†	+0.18	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	98.77	105.64	+0.12	1.35
-do- Inc	90.79	97.10	+0.11	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	61.19	65.45	+0.66	...
-do- Inc	60.08	64.22†	+0.63	...
Euro Gth Acc	112.70	120.15	+0.49	1.07
-do- Inc	111.15	118.50	+0.48	1.07
Mngd P folio	37.85	40.48	+0.24	1.29
Pacific Growth	110.27	117.94	+1.83	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	98.17	105.00	+0.78	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	139.60	148.70	+0.50	2.82
Smaller Cos Acc	313.10	335.00	-0.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	182.20	194.90	-0.30	1.11
High Inc	76.02	81.34	+0.24	6.44
Income	136.10	145.70	+0.20	3.77
Mngd P folio Inc	97.51	103.40†	+0.70	1.91
-do- Acc	186.30	198.40	+1.30	...
North American	108.30	115.30	-1.60	0.19
Orient	142.50	153.80	+2.70	...
Recovery	43.25	46.47	+0.24	2.41
German	44.95	48.19	+0.24	0.08
Intl Growth	36.25	38.60	-0.34	0.20
European Inc	22.90	24.65	+0.06	0.46
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 488 7206				
Stu Gilt Fxd Int	67.78	68.70	-0.05	5.08
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	139.60	148.60	+0.30	1.66
UK Growth	152.60	162.40†	-0.10	2.07
UK Income	131.30	139.70	+0.10	3.99
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	92.70	99.14	+1.17	1.17
Growth	45.89	49.08†	-0.05	2.85
Income	56.86	60.81†	-0.14	4.07
Far East	52.87	56.54	+1.21	...
North American	94.30	101.40	+0.70	...
Global	92.29	98.71	+0.87	0.62
European	76.25	81.55	+0.75	0.63
Japan	125.90	134.70	+4.00	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.71	65.38	-0.61	5.82
UK Cap Gwth	84.04	90.85	-0.22	1.85
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Capability Trusts				
American Gen	135.40	144.10	+1.10	0.22
-do- Acc	144.00	153.20	+1.10	0.22
European	69.80	73.97†	+0.57	0.78

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-do- Acc	73.25	77.63	+0.61	0.78
Far East Gen	72.48	77.11	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	72.48	77.11	+2.10	...
Glenfriars	276.90	294.60	+2.40	0.64
-do- Acc	311.80	331.80	+2.80	0.64
Growth	401.70	429.70	+0.10	2.17
-do- Acc	687.70	735.60	+0.20	2.17
Income Growth	394.40	419.60†	+3.60	3.68
-do- Acc	536.80	570.10	+4.90	3.68
Master Portfolio	10070.0	10453.0†	-48.00	2.02
-do- Acc	11730.0	12176.0	-55.00	2.02
Special Sits	92.00	97.88†	-0.01	2.13
-do- Acc	108.75	115.70	-0.02	2.13
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1279.0	1319.0	+4.00	4.14
-do- Acc	1510.0	1557.0	+5.00	4.14
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	196.70	209.70	+1.00	1.58
Capital	561.50	599.30	+2.60	2.26
Eurotrack 100	138.00	147.00	+1.00	1.41
Euro Gth	88.61	94.49	+1.12	0.89
Far East Growth	101.70	108.50	+2.30	0.07
Global Bond	24.35	25.67†	+0.20	5.85
Hong Kong	87.03	92.88	+0.91	0.74
Income	537.80	574.00	+3.40	3.72
Intl Growth	78.25	83.51†	+1.16	0.17
Japan Growth	308.80	329.60	+11.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.99	41.61	+0.85	...
Japan Index	89.77	95.81	+2.35	0.22
Nth American	447.20	477.30	+1.80	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	59.69	63.70	+0.95	...
The Footsie Fd	111.30	117.50	+0.60	2.61
Tiger Index	154.20	164.60	+1.90	0.57
Trinity Index	111.20	118.70	+0.50	2.42
UK Index	128.60	137.20†	+0.60	2.92
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	87.28	93.21	+0.25	1.05
European P folio	77.97	83.02	+0.97	0.98
Japanese P folio	73.85	78.55	+2.40	...
Pacific P folio	111.52	119.92	+1.47	1.18
Cazenove P folio	75.27	80.51†	+0.64	2.63
UK Income Gth	67.51	72.35	+0.44	4.58
Utility & Bond	53.46	54.16	+0.34	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	...	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	...	9.06
Deposit	5.70	...	5.62	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	66.38	69.87	...	2.16
Beckman Intl	88.11	92.99	-2.76	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	186.40	200.43	...	5.82
Friars Hse Cap	258.81	278.29†	...	2.62
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9318				
Quilter	127.00	135.11†	+0.39	2.47
-do- Acc	142.49	151.58	+0.43	2.47
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.88	92.88	+0.01	5.13
-do- Acc	92.88	92.88	+0.01	5.13
PPT Europe	162.81	173.20	+1.37	0.78
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	50.10	53.30	+0.31	7.07
PPT Global Bond	88.77	94.37	+0.66	5.21
PPT Gold Com	62.85	66.86	+0.18	...
PPT Oriental Gth	61.46	65.38	+0.66	0.24
PPT Far East Gth	116.95	124.41	+2.20	...
PPT High Yield	125.79	133.82	+0.45	4.14
-do- Acc	483.67	514.54	+1.74	4.14
PPT Managed	65.12	69.28	+0.68	3.22
-do- Acc	79.53	84.61	+0.82	3.22
PPT Smlr Cos	38.39	40.84	-0.02	1.54
-do- Acc	43.58	46.36	-0.03	1.54
PPT UK General	71.95	76.54	+0.33	2.36
-do- Acc	87.32	92.89	+0.40	2.36
PPT Japan	133.00	141.49	+4.42	...
PPT N Amer	155.35	165.27	+1.61	0.02
PPT UK Gth	123.24	131.11	+0.51	1.81
PPT W'wide Gwth	61.85	66.15	+0.97	0.09
-do- Acc	64.49	68.97	+1.00	0.09
PPT Preference	50.07	53.27	+0.26	6.40
-do- Acc	261.45	278.14	+1.34	6.40
PPT Equity Inc	149.80	159.36	+0.68	3.56
-do- Acc	495.92	527.57	+2.26	3.56
PPT Fixed Conv	42.29	44.99	+0.25	6.21
-do- Acc	113.34	120.57	+0.66	6.21
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	62.92	66.94	+0.10	1.88
-do- Acc	70.94	75.47	+0.13	1.88
Income Fund 5	224.90	239.30	+0.80	4.05
-do- Acc	523.30	556.80	+1.80	4.05
Inv Portfolio	70.17	72.72†	+0.12	2.13
-do- Acc	79.95	82.86†	+0.14	2.13
Smaller Cos	132.60	141.10†	+0.40	1.33
-do- Acc	160.40	170.70†	+0.50	1.33
High Inc P folio	63.92	66.24	+0.50	4.40
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	89.67	95.39	+1.50	0.83
Japanese Acc	70.42	74.91	+2.33	...
UK Balncd Inc	132.40	140.90†	...	2.44
-do- Acc	156.20	166.20†	...	2.44
UK Growth Acc	215.10	228.80	...	1.96
UK High Inc	140.90	149.90	+0.30	5.91
-do- Acc	170.30	181.40	+0.30	5.91
N American Acc	115.90	123.20	-1.30	0.32
European Acc	167.40	178.10	+1.10	0.39
UK Pref F/I Inc	61.95	65.69†	+0.35	6.71
-do- Acc	102.00	108.10†	+0.60	6.71
Intl Sp Sits Acc	51.95	55.27	+0.98	0.20
Environmntl Opp	73.81	78.52	+0.01	1.56
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	114.30	121.40	+1.10	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	208.60	221.60	+0.30	1.13
Eurofund	39.68	41.98	+0.46	0.95
Mngd Exempt	174.20	181.60	+3.50	2.89
Growth Inc	223.50	237.50	+1.90	3.16
High Dist	151.60	161.10	+1.40	4.66
International	340.30	361.60	+3.70	0.90
Intl Income	85.20	90.95†	+0.58	2.84
Pacific	62.93	66.90	+0.85	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	81.76	86.87	+2.01	...
Tokyo	229.80	244.20	+7.20	...
Japan Exempt	131.10	134.70	+5.00	0.38

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sm Jap Exempt	625.60	642.80	-0.60	0.08
Equity Income	128.80	136.90	+1.20	3.65
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	147.90	156.50	+1.80	0.51
Financial	45.66	48.51	+0.36	2.45
Global Opps Inc	94.25	100.10	+1.15	2.00
-do- Acc	97.69	103.80	+1.20	2.00
Gold Gen Inc	53.22	56.55	+0.38	0.75
-do- Acc	102.10	108.50	+0.70	0.75
Japan General	179.00	190.20†	+5.10	...
Preference	23.49	24.96	+0.21	7.28
Worldwide Cap	207.00	219.90†	+2.40	2.91
World Income	88.69	94.22†	+0.71	3.16
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	181.30	192.90	...	0.88
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	110.86	116.69	+1.35	3.18
High Income	129.94	136.78	+1.38	4.50
Tst of Inv Tsts	160.97	169.44†	+1.64	2.18
Special Sits	88.45	93.11	+0.41	2.08
North American	107.00	112.63	+0.28	0.85
Far Eastern	265.54	279.52†	+1.97	1.60
Ind Growth	103.29	108.73	+0.40	1.19
European	68.17	71.76	+0.62	1.96
Smaller Cos	69.13	72.77	+0.10	1.99
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	228.60	243.10	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	135.90	144.50	-1.60	...
High Income	27.19	28.61†	-0.16	5.50
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	98.68	104.40†	+0.60	0.78
Far Eastern	148.30	158.50	+3.40	...
High Income	23.64	25.17†	+0.04	10.00
Oseas Income	92.74	99.00	+0.90	2.96
UK Growth	99.39	106.30†	+0.10	0.72
UK Income	107.20	114.60	+0.50	2.98
US Smaller Cos	270.50	289.30	+3.50	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.61	53.82	+0.36	...
-do- Acc	50.64	53.82	+0.36	...
Am Smllr Co	451.20	482.50	+4.20	...
-do- Acc	461.00	492.90	+4.30	...
Capital	296.90	315.80	+0.90	1.77
-do- Acc	413.50	439.80	+1.20	1.77
Cons Smllr Cos	49.26	52.98	+0.37	0.17
-do- Acc	51.49	55.38	+0.38	0.17
Convertible	118.80	126.30	+0.40	5.74
-do- Acc	225.50	239.80	+0.80	5.74
Emg Mark	57.18	61.08	+0.25	...
-do- Acc	57.18	61.08	+0.25	...
European	101.10	108.00	+0.60	0.90
-do- Acc	105.40	112.50	+0.60	0.90
Extra Income	307.90	327.50	+1.00	3.81
-do- Acc	440.90	468.90	+1.30	3.81
Financial	116.00	124.10	+0.80	0.19
-do- Acc	121.40	129.90	+0.90	0.19
Gilt Gth Tst	67.72	69.83	+0.94	6.03
-do- Acc	87.50	90.23	+1.22	6.03
Health Fund Inc	121.90	130.20	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	121.90	130.20	+1.30	...
Income Tst	190.90	203.00	+0.70	3.42
-do- Acc	270.50	287.70	+1.10	3.42
Intl Growth	340.70	363.90	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	378.40	404.10	+3.00	...
Japan Gen	200.50	214.10	+4.80	...
-do- Acc	202.50	216.30	+4.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	95.86	100.90	+0.60	0.82
-do- Acc	100.70	106.00	+0.50	0.82
Monthly Income	160.50	170.70	+0.70	3.72
Qrtly Inc	52.09	55.40	+0.39	5.55
-do- Acc	52.83	56.19	+0.40	5.55
Recovery	309.90	330.30	+3.40	0.21
-do- Acc	362.90	388.00	+3.90	0.21
UK Growth	48.51	51.82	-0.01	2.46
-do- Acc	48.51	51.82	-0.01	2.46
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	361.14	384.19	-1.91	2.65
-do- Acc	737.44	784.51	-3.91	2.65
Euro Gth Dist	114.89	122.22†	+0.97	0.73
-do- Acc	118.90	126.49†	+1.00	0.73
Fixed Int Dist	139.23	147.27	+1.03	5.94
-do- Acc	235.44	249.04	+1.74	5.94
Intl Gth Dist	82.54	87.81	+1.17	0.64
-do- Acc	85.69	91.16	+1.21	0.64
Nth Amer Dist	175.84	186.06†	+2.21	0.92
-do- Acc	191.42	202.78†	+2.40	0.92
Pac Basin Dist	269.26	286.45†	+5.77	0.01
-do- Acc	274.40	291.93	+5.88	0.01
Stewardship Dist	309.43	329.18	+0.18	1.85
-do- Acc	368.96	392.51	+0.21	1.85
Stwd Inc Dist	65.63	69.82†	+0.20	3.16
-do- Acc	81.84	87.06†	+0.25	3.16
N Am Stwd Dist	102.46	109.02†	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	108.41	115.33†	+1.39	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	143.20	153.20	+1.40	...
European	449.00	477.40	+3.80	0.89
Far East General	248.90	266.20	+5.40	0.27
Germany	107.20	113.50	+0.40	0.41
Global Assets In	72.31	77.09	+0.24	2.10
Global Assets Ac	76.46	81.51	+0.25	2.05
Income Inc	131.80	141.00	+0.70	6.25
International	305.70	326.30	+3.90	0.86
Intl Income	81.60	86.70	+0.68	4.90
Japan General	413.30	439.50	+9.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.96	51.30†	+0.09	5.79
UK Capital Inc	172.20	184.20†	+0.40	3.88
-do- Acc	297.20	317.90	+0.70	3.53
UK Spec Sits	81.56	87.23	+0.05	1.45
US General	127.20	135.50	+1.20	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	132.60	141.60†	+1.90	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.92	50.18†	+0.16	1.45
Cash Trust	129.80	129.80	+0.02	5.31
Prac Inv Inc	110.44	118.43	+0.58	3.88
-do- Acc	237.09	254.24	+1.23	3.88
UK Smaller Cos	108.57	116.43	+0.25	0.79
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.77	28.63†	+0.20	8.14
High Inc	33.49	35.82†	+0.17	4.58
UK Equity Inc	133.78	143.08†	+0.56	3.80
Global Bond	30.70	31.81	+0.22	5.62
International Funds				
Gold Intl	95.95	102.90	+1.21	0.38
Frontier Markets	46.34	49.69	+0.51	0.42
Global Inc Gth	125.09	133.41	+0.71	1.84
UK Intl	122.90	131.44	+0.83	0.17
Overseas Funds				
American	134.81	144.00	+1.36	0.43

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	87.06	92.35	+0.70	0.58
Euro Sel Opps	104.40	111.30†	+0.99	0.66
American Emerg	89.04	95.48	+1.44	...
Hong Kong	121.15	128.92	+1.29	1.92
Japan	257.46	273.49†	+7.01	...
Pacific Growth	168.79	181.01	+1.98	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	134.15	143.48	+1.69	0.32
American Gth	136.19	145.66	+1.63	...
European Gth	70.82	75.51	+0.42	0.61
Japan Gth	88.88	95.05	+2.63	...
Greater China	150.74	161.22†	+3.06	2.85
Pacific Strategy	133.64	143.25	+2.40	0.30
UK Prog Inc	76.90	80.99	-0.25	4.69
British Growth	50.17	52.94	+0.12	2.47
UK Small Cos	44.95	48.07	+0.02	1.61
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 30 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9648				
Cash	132.00	132.00	...	5.07
Gilt Fixed	130.70	138.70	+1.10	5.55
Growth Equity	308.00	329.00	-0.30	1.92
Guardhill	453.70	484.70	-0.40	2.03
Income Trust	115.30	123.10	+0.10	2.67
International	169.10	180.60	+2.30	0.16
Japan Trust	136.10	145.50†	+1.70	...
Nth American	266.80	285.00	+3.90	0.39
Pacific	409.40	437.30	+6.00	...
European	367.70	392.80	+1.60	0.60
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838686				
Global Adv Inc	36.60	38.80†	...	1.54
-do- Acc	38.57	40.89	...	1.54
Inc Adv Inc	30.58	32.42	...	3.91
-do- Acc	32.09	34.02	...	3.91
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	83.59	89.54	+1.52	1.26
Equity Income	118.00	125.50†	+0.10	3.29
European	139.90	147.90	+0.40	1.21
Intl Situation	79.31	84.37†	+0.86	...
Japanese	154.90	164.40	+4.60	...
North American	97.97	103.90	+1.00	0.05
Scandinavian	126.30	133.50	+0.70	...
Smaller Cos	30.97	32.95	-0.09	1.88
HENDERSON PO Box 2151, Kings House, 100-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	94.28	100.78	+0.87	...
Asian Enterprise	137.85	147.41	+1.91	0.97
European	403.18	426.52	+2.72	0.71
European Inc	73.82	78.06†	+0.60	2.50
Euro Smal Co	125.81	133.85	+0.59	0.70
Extra Income	275.13	292.90	+1.20	4.49
Family of Funds	74.36	79.27†	+0.49	1.00
Global Bond	58.05	62.08	+0.41	7.02
High Inc	305.73	326.81†	+1.28	3.79
Income Gth	250.54	266.82	+1.06	3.24
-do- Acc	648.08	690.20	+2.78	3.24
International	242.96	259.24	+2.79	0.70
Japan Spc Sit	267.11	284.36	+7.06	...
Japan	233.34	248.45†	+7.38	...
N Amer	230.79	245.73†	+0.99	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	209.55	222.92	+2.87	0.33
Pref Gilt	47.70	51.26†	+0.26	8.41
Smaller Cos Div	176.66	189.19†	+0.29	3.64
Special Sits	273.03	292.14	+0.69	1.89
-do- Acc	420.71	450.15	+1.04	1.89
Best of British	58.31	62.37	+0.19	2.21
Henderson TR				
American Gth	84.61	90.49	+0.97	...
Euro Spec Sits	50.10	53.20	+0.34	0.89
-do- Acc	53.04	56.33	+0.36	0.89
Far East Opps	34.81	37.24	+0.40	0.58
-do- Acc	35.83	38.33	+0.41	0.58
General Growth	101.98	109.13†	+0.16	2.38
Global Tech	134.64	144.05	+1.92	...
Income Growth	108.09	115.60†	+0.31	3.50
Income Monthly	59.47	63.60	+0.48	5.32
Japan Growth	91.17	97.26	+2.91	...
Overseas Gth	80.74	86.07†	...	0.98
Smaller Cos	75.34	80.82	+0.08	1.72
Special Opps	109.23	117.45†	-0.20	1.08
Wld Spec Sits	53.80	57.74	+0.59	0.47
-do- Acc	53.93	57.88	+0.60	0.47
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	90.52	96.81	+0.36	2.15
Capital	161.40	172.60†	+1.80	1.81
Dollar	323.70	346.20	+1.90	0.01
European	208.90	223.40†	+1.60	0.57
Far East	257.10	274.90	+2.80	0.23
Financial	761.70	814.60	+4.80	1.84
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.22	28.28†	+0.34	7.32
High Yield	107.60	115.00	+0.40	4.26
Income	142.00	151.90	+0.50	3.14
Intl	226.10	241.80†	+2.50	0.19
Japan Tech	79.47	84.99	+2.05	...
Nat Resources	64.56	69.04	+0.32	0.41
Security	307.90	329.30	+1.00	1.86
Smaller Cos	114.50	122.40	...	1.17
Special Sits	144.40	154.40	+0.50	1.53
US Smaller Cos	74.11	79.26	+0.47	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.88	27.60†	+0.05	1.28
Special Features	29.14	30.98	+0.06	1.89
-do- Acc	34.40	36.54	+0.06	1.89
General Funds				
UK Growth	55.36	59.17	+0.17	2.05
Assets Earnings	72.86	77.41†	+0.15	2.27
do Acc	86.73	92.15†	+0.20	2.24
Managed Invest	93.57	99.86	+0.95	1.10
Kuper Children	77.80	82.95	+0.13	2.11
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.06	50.06†	...	4.50
Extra Inc	84.75	90.63†	+0.46	4.84
Gilt	29.11	30.63†	+0.29	6.33
Income Gth	41.00	43.75	+0.09	3.46
MIMstar	79.90	81.64	+0.41	7.71
Preference	18.48	19.63	+0.04	6.45
UK Income	336.30	348.60	+1.30	2.95
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	62.65	66.56	+0.33	1.20
Property Shares	69.39	74.77	+0.91	1.34
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	154.70	162.20	+0.10	3.98
European Acc	122.40	128.60	+1.20	1.50
European Dist	116.50	123.40	+1.20	1.50
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.78	52.92	+0.36	0.96
European Perf	124.20	131.70†	+0.70	0.68
-do- Acc	128.10	135.80†	+0.70	0.67
Euro Small Cos	22.97	24.42	+0.11	0.63
French Growth	71.74	76.35	+1.01	0.48
-do- Acc	76.64	81.57	+1.09	0.48
Hong K/China	73.60	78.19	+0.63	1.58
Intl Growth	55.45	58.91	+0.72	0.67
-do- Acc	55.45	58.91	+0.72	0.67
Japan Perf	37.75	40.11	+0.93	...
Accum Units	37.75	40.11	+0.93	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.67	45.34	+0.94	...
Singapore Asean	89.40	94.98†	+1.37	0.32
-do- Acc	90.03	95.65†	+1.38	0.32
South East Asia	250.40	266.00	+3.30	0.64

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US Smllr Cos	109.40	116.20†	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	110.60	117.50†	+1.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	88.97	94.84	+0.83	2.47
Intl Bond	60.83	64.64	+0.53	5.44
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.99	70.33†	+0.01	5.05
Extra Income	55.45	58.99	-0.24	6.55
Gilt Yield	124.50	131.40	+1.30	6.88
Global Income	209.60	223.00†	+1.80	3.92
High Yield	142.40	151.50†	-0.31	5.50
Smllr Cos Div	51.00	54.25†	+0.30	3.62
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.75	100.80	+1.02	...
North American	77.96	82.94	+0.62	0.41
European	137.60	146.40	+1.20	1.53
Euro Special	80.86	86.02†	+0.29	1.66
General	273.70	291.20†	+2.10	3.06
Japan	471.40	501.50	+9.90	...
Japanese Special	262.40	279.20	+6.10	...
Master Acc	229.40	244.00	+1.80	1.27
Pacific	293.20	311.90	+4.20	0.52
Smaller Cos	104.30	111.00	+3.13	1.51
UK Equity Gth	38.72	41.19†	+0.23	1.70
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	78.69	83.71†	+0.34	0.95
Extra Income	24.76	26.34†	-0.01	3.43
Far East	30.21	32.14	+0.73	0.83
Income Gwth	75.45	80.27	+0.03	3.65
Intl Growth	55.29	58.82	+0.72	0.64
Japan	72.83	77.48†	+2.04	...
Maximum Dist*	99.90	101.90†	...	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.47	41.99	+0.33	0.28
UK Equity	90.16	95.92	-0.09	2.86
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.03	57.48†	+0.44	4.35
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690890				
Equity Dist	443.70	472.00	+1.40	2.62
Equity Acc	842.10	895.90	+2.60	2.62
Equity Income	96.54	102.70†	+0.50	4.53
European	99.80	106.20†	+0.80	1.22
Far Eastern	202.10	215.00	+4.10	...
Fixed Interest	55.27	58.80	+0.32	5.94
Gilt	95.95	101.70	+0.70	6.05
Global Growth	72.28	76.89	+1.01	0.42
Intl Bond	57.71	61.39†	+0.66	4.60
Japanese	80.14	85.26	+2.22	...
Overseas Equity	104.20	110.80	+1.30	0.05
Pacific Gth	93.08	99.02	+1.16	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	325.00	345.80	...	2.81
-do- Acc	713.90	759.50	...	2.81
Contl Euro Gth	54.12	56.97	+0.31	1.16
-do- Acc	57.23	60.25	+0.33	1.16
Extra Inc	248.20	264.10	-3.30	3.61
-do- Acc	613.60	652.80	-8.40	3.61
German Gth	110.50	116.40	+0.90	0.02
-do- Acc	115.90	122.00	+0.90	0.02
Growth Port	506.80	539.20	+1.50	0.50
-do- Acc	506.80	539.20	+1.50	0.50
Income	465.20	494.90	+0.30	3.44
-do- Acc	1195.0	1272.0	+1.00	3.44
Income Port	505.20	537.50	+0.70	4.20
-do- Acc	512.70	545.50	+0.70	4.20
Japan Growth	111.00	118.10	+3.70	0.01
-do- Acc	111.40	118.60	+3.80	0.01
Master Trust	54.03	57.48	+0.26	1.25
-do- Acc	59.48	63.28	+0.28	1.25
N American Gen	193.20	205.60	+3.20	0.01
-do- Acc	223.20	237.50	+3.80	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	146.80	156.20	+1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	149.80	159.40	+1.80	0.01
Pacific Basin	218.70	232.70	+3.50	0.65
-do- Acc	231.10	245.90	+3.70	0.65
Small Cos Rec	311.90	328.40	-10.00	2.74
-do- Acc	406.20	427.60	-13.10	2.74
UK Growth	79.83	84.93†	-1.14	2.41
-do- Acc	94.05	100.10	-1.30	2.41
Worldwide Gth	297.40	316.40	+4.10	0.14
-do- Acc	438.60	466.60	+6.10	0.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	90.50	96.37	+0.04	2.70
Income	64.77	69.50	+0.05	5.00
International	60.28	64.66	+0.79	0.70
American	60.86	65.30	+0.65	0.30
Japan	60.79	65.22†	+1.94	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	61.64	66.14	+0.40	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	394.10	416.80†	+3.30	0.88
-do- Acc	486.80	515.00	+4.10	0.88
American Rec	434.40	459.40	+8.20	0.16
-do- Acc	497.80	526.40	+9.40	0.16
Am Sm Co Acc	126.90	134.10	+1.40	...
Australia Acc	179.10	189.40	+2.20	0.91
Capital	695.20	735.20†	+0.80	2.35
-do- Acc	776.40	821.20	+0.90	2.35
Commodity Acc	469.60	496.80	+3.10	0.74
Compnd Gth	867.20	917.10	-0.50	2.57
Dividend	38.00	40.20	+0.10	3.92
-do- Acc	150.50	159.50	+0.50	3.92
Equity Inc	314.70	332.80†	+1.00	4.44
European Div	61.70	65.30†	+0.40	3.87
-do- Acc	71.40	75.60	+0.40	3.87
European Gen	406.60	430.00†	+3.60	0.94
-do- Acc	510.80	540.20	+4.50	0.94
Extra Yield	408.50	432.00	+0.50	4.09
-do- Acc	1194.4	1263.1	+1.50	4.09
Far Eastern	324.70	343.40	+6.70	0.57
-do- Acc	427.10	451.70	+8.80	0.57
Fund of Inv	548.20	579.70	+1.50	1.99
-do- Acc	993.90	1057.4	+2.70	1.99
General	56.90	60.20†	...	3.43
-do- Acc	152.20	161.00	...	3.43
Gilt Fxd Int	65.16	66.24†	+0.46	7.20
do Acc	166.11	168.33	+1.17	7.20
Gold	61.80	65.40†	+0.40	0.66
-do- Acc	72.60	76.90	+0.50	0.66
High Inc	26.90	28.40	+0.10	4.16
-do- Acc	101.70	107.50	+0.20	4.16
Ind Growth	72.20	76.40†	+1.10	0.71
-do- Acc	125.00	132.30	+1.90	0.71
Intl Inc	98.80	104.50	+1.00	4.44
Japan Gen Acc	57.10	60.40	+1.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	165.70	175.30	+4.30	...
Midland	58.60	62.00	+0.20	3.02
-do- Acc	187.60	198.50	+0.60	3.02
Recovery	39.10	41.30†	+0.10	2.41
-do- Acc	62.20	65.70	...	2.41
Second Gen	65.10	68.80†	-0.30	3.28
-do- Acc	161.40	170.60	-0.60	3.28
Smaller Cos	61.20	64.70†	+0.10	2.97
-do- Acc	117.90	124.50	+0.30	2.97
Trustee	41.30	43.70	...	3.64
Charibond 3	$115.53	...†	-0.40	9.33
Charifund 2	665.00	679.30†	...	4.92
Pension ex 1	886.10	908.30	+0.80	4.04
NAACIP Inc 3	147.82	...†	+0.30	7.22
-do- Acc 3	1180.1	...	+2.30	7.22

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	143.40	153.30†	+0.66	1.91
-do- Acc	160.70	171.80†	+0.66	1.91
UK Income	119.50	127.80	+0.39	2.46
-do- Acc	135.10	144.50	+0.39	2.46
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	87.24	93.30	+1.05	0.43
Far East (Pacific)	147.60	156.70	+3.50	0.16
Income Growth	73.76	78.30†	-0.03	3.31
European	72.46	76.92	+0.17	1.12
Nth American	58.17	61.75	+0.36	0.43
UK Growth	79.60	84.50	-0.25	2.03
Intl Growth	101.30	107.50	+1.60	0.67
Charities	112.10	119.00†	-0.10	3.77
Intl Income	70.90	75.27	-0.18	5.35
Japan	59.11	62.75	+1.17	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	194.40	206.70	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	207.80	221.00	+2.50	...
Cash	100.40	100.40†	+0.10	5.58
-do- Acc	130.40	130.40†	...	5.58
Emg Mkts Acc	94.11	101.20	+0.80	...
European Gth	203.20	215.60	+1.40	0.74
-do- Acc	218.50	231.80	+1.60	0.74
General	482.20	513.80	+0.30	2.35
-do- Acc	917.10	977.40	+0.70	2.35
Global Dist	135.60	142.90	+1.60	5.11
-do- Acc	152.00	159.90	+1.80	5.11
Income	145.70	155.10	+0.10	4.39
-do- Acc	214.90	228.90	+0.30	4.39
International	411.80	439.20	+5.80	0.64
-do- Acc	547.60	584.00	+7.60	0.64
Japan Acc	210.50	223.30	+4.90	...
New Europe	147.90	157.70	+0.80	1.65
-do- Acc	150.30	160.40	+0.90	1.65
Recovery	301.00	321.10	-0.20	2.79
-do- Acc	380.40	405.80	-0.10	2.79
European Inc	74.96	79.54†	+0.75	3.06
-do- Acc	97.11	103.00†	+1.00	3.06
Brit Blue Chip	74.78	79.49	-0.01	3.17
-do- Acc	88.19	93.75	-0.02	3.17
Portfolio	76.87	81.66	+0.34	2.77
-do- Acc	87.40	92.86	+0.39	2.77
Gold General	147.40	158.60†	+0.90	0.59
-do- Acc	150.70	162.10†	+0.93	0.59
Pacific	99.18	105.80†	+2.10	0.79
-do- Acc	105.40	112.50†	+2.20	0.79
UK Smaller Cos	54.30	57.92	+0.03	1.88
-do- Acc	60.60	64.64	+0.04	1.88
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 112 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.05	63.16	+0.25	2.72
-do- Acc	59.97	64.14	+0.26	2.72
British Dist	79.19	84.69	+0.11	1.97
-do- Acc	89.64	95.87	+0.12	1.97
European Gth	182.30	195.00	+1.20	0.24
-do- Acc	228.90	244.80	+1.50	0.24
Extra High Inc	72.07	77.08†	+0.31	5.88
-do- Acc	128.90	137.90	+0.60	5.88
FT-SE 100 Index	49.53	52.97†	+0.11	2.55
-do- Acc	50.28	53.77	+0.11	2.55
Gilt Fixed Int	58.60	61.01	+0.48	6.53
-do- Acc	156.40	162.80	+1.20	6.53
High Yield	229.20	245.10	+1.10	4.41
-do- Acc	538.00	575.40	+2.60	4.41
Income	287.60	307.60†	+0.80	3.14
-do- Acc	607.90	650.20	+1.70	3.14
Japan Gth	386.40	413.30	+12.90	...
-do- Acc	407.80	436.10	+13.40	...
Mandarin Acc	106.90	114.30	+1.10	0.71
North American	167.70	179.40	+1.10	0.40
-do- Acc	211.60	226.30	+1.40	0.40
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	278.90	296.60†	+3.50	...
Deposit Inc	99.91	99.91†	+0.01	5.77
Deposit Acc	123.34	123.34†	+0.01	5.77
Euro Gth Acc	304.80	326.10	+1.70	...
Europa	130.90	140.20†	+1.00	...
Intl Gth	180.80	193.10	+2.30	...
Japan Tracker	86.79	91.98	+2.69	...
UK Equity Inc	157.80	169.80	+0.30	3.89
-do- Acc	193.50	208.20	+0.30	3.89
UK Ind Tracker	147.00	157.20†	+0.10	3.06
US Eq Ind Trkr	195.60	207.50	+2.00	1.43
-do- Acc	208.90	219.50	+2.10	1.43
Asian Trader	171.70	186.00	+2.30	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	171.70	175.60†	+2.10	1.99
European	63.81	65.16	+0.33	1.58
Olympiad	60.13	61.74†	+0.99	0.19
Global Bond	48.57	49.12†	+0.32	6.23
Smaller Cos	68.67	71.82	+0.19	1.26
Equity Income	95.73	98.31	+0.08	4.99
UK Growth	86.29	88.98	+0.12	1.76
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387738				
American Acc	48.15	51.36	+0.56	1.12
Australian Acc	328.70	352.60	+4.90	...
Conscience	63.23	67.48	+0.31	1.20
-do- Acc	68.25	72.83	+0.34	1.20
European	176.60	187.80	+1.70	1.11
-do- Acc	190	202.10	+1.80	1.11
Extra Income	75.11	80.16	+0.51	5.54
-do- Acc	115.30	123	+0.80	5.54
Far East Gth	178	190.20	+2.50	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.14	63.47†	+0.53	6.34
Gold	54.74	58.88	+0.57	...
-do- Acc	58.95	63.38	+0.61	...
Income	54.25	57.86	+0.28	4.86
-do- Acc	166	177	+0.80	4.86
International	31.20	33.47	+0.37	0.66
-do- Acc	44.83	48.10	+0.55	0.66
Jap Sm Cos Acc	378.90	404.10	+8.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	209.20	224.30	+1.60	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.56	27.48	+0.26	0.76
Special Sits	33.39	35.90	+0.10	1.70
-do- Acc	38.46	41.35	+0.12	1.70
Tokyo	95.59	101.90	+2.53	...
-do- Acc	96.56	102.90	+2.60	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	69.27	73.70†	+0.16	2.65
N&P O'S Fxd Int	79.08	83.09	+0.47	5.62
N&P Higher Inc	206.80	220.00†	-0.80	4.41
N&P UK Income	105.90	112.70	+0.30	3.64
N&P Intl	92.63	98.55	+0.60	1.65
N&P Smaller Cos	72.28	76.90	-2.53	1.75
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	170.44	181.32†	+0.83	2.02
Global	310.16	329.96	+2.30	3.06
Growth	111.23	118.33	+0.28	1.93
Income	209.48	222.83†	+0.76	3.70
Intl Bond	135.29	143.87	+0.53	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	141.10	148.50	+0.20	2.52
-do- Acc	250.10	263.20	+0.50	2.52
Income	230.10	244.70	+0.30	3.36

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Intl Equity	236.40	251.50	+3.40	0.77
-do- Acc	258.80	275.30	+3.70	0.77
Equity	222.80	237.00	+0.20	2.40
-do- Acc	456.80	485.90	+0.30	2.40
UK Intl 25 Acc	72.47	77.09	+0.31	1.90
UK Income	62.86	66.87†	+0.05	2.96
UK Smllr Co Acc	77.83	82.79	+0.24	1.43
New Europe Acc	64.11	68.20	+0.62	1.04
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	101.26	108.30	+0.77	0.06
PEP Growth	106.96	114.40†	+0.90	1.39
Intl Gth	524.45	560.91	+4.05	0.63
Income	328.04	351.92	+3.96	3.23
W wide Recov	332.57	355.69	+3.95	0.40
American Gth	215.08	230.04†	+0.86	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	198.19	211.97	+1.13	0.09
Far East Gth	241.95	258.78	+2.72	0.03
European Gth	121.94	130.42	+0.08	1.05
UK Growth	82.35	88.08	+0.82	2.84
High Income	89.31	95.52†	+1.12	4.19
Japanese Gth	237.60	252.76	+4.15	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	185.20	197.00	-2.00	0.64
High Income	114.80	122.10	+0.70	3.46
Conv Gilt	114.70	122.00	+0.70	5.60
Far East	334.40	355.80	-1.40	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.19	35.31	+0.26	4.84
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.57	55.93†	+0.77	0.20
Emerging Mkts	68.65	73.03†	-1.58	0.52
General	49.08	52.21	-0.53	3.08
International	89.95	95.69	+1.13	1.27
Gilt Units	27.29	28.13†	+0.21	7.07
Global PEP	36.89	39.24	+0.34	1.97
Income Gth	68.32	72.68†	+0.54	4.51
European	46.06	49.00	+0.50	0.63
Gilt/Fixed Int	26.98	28.70	+0.14	5.48
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricecheck: 0426 925891				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.70	34.97	+0.26	1.60
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.83	101.33†	-0.01	4.73
-do- Acc	105.09	106.51†	-0.01	4.73
Pru Equity	673.20	720.00	+1.63	2.59
Pru Equity Inc	81.87	87.56†	+0.32	4.37
Pru European	183.71	196.48	+1.75	0.97
Pru Global Gth	82.51	88.24†	+0.52	1.31
Pru High Inc	88.42	94.56†	+0.37	4.76
Pru Intl	169.71	181.50†	+1.86	1.10
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.38	78.48	+0.87	0.59
Pru Japanese	221.09	236.45	+5.62	...
Pru Nth Amer	148.04	158.33	+1.62	0.81
Pru Pacific Mkt	83.23	89.01†	+0.74	1.10
Pru Prenr Inc	51.83	53.95†	+0.30	5.02
Pru Smllr Cos	83.23	89.01	+0.31	2.11
Pru Spec Sits	99.85	106.79†	+0.23	2.50
Pru UK Growth	111.46	119.20†	+0.26	2.42
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	160.57	171.56	+0.08	3.51
FA Japan	304.70	324.11	+9.49	...
FA Maj UK Cos	93.81	100.10	-0.24	2.51
FA America Inc	515.96	549.79†	+7.30	0.87
-do- Acc	602.44	641.94	+8.53	0.87
FA Smlr UK Cos	274.80	297.06	+0.26	1.56
FA European	265.26	281.03	+1.07	1.25
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.54	79.30	+0.86	3.56
Capital Units	149.50	159.00	+0.50	1.34
Commodity	114.80	122.10	+1.10	1.00
European Gth	166.40	177.00	+0.80	1.10
Financial Sec	185.60	197.40	+0.30	1.29
High Return	218.00	231.90†	+0.20	3.67
High Yield	212.90	226.50	-0.40	3.95
Income Units	112.70	119.90†	-0.10	4.50
Investment	189.10	201.20	+0.80	1.23
Japan Gth	171.30	182.20	+4.90	...
Japan Smaller	196.90	209.50	+4.40	...
Masterfund	49.04	52.17	+0.41	1.22
Scotbits	272.40	289.80†	+0.70	1.42
Scotshares	258.70	275.20	+0.40	2.66
Scotyields	232.10	246.90	-0.70	3.81
Select Intl	136.00	144.70	+1.20	0.39
Smaller Cos	235.30	250.20	+0.60	3.78
Special Situation	111.00	118.10	...	0.82
UK Equity	227.20	241.70†	-0.50	2.86
US Growth	143.00	152.10	+1.70	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EL. Client Enc: 0800 526 535 Broker Enc: 0800 526 540				
American	242.22	257.59	+1.18	0.63
-do- Acc	262.43	279.09	+1.28	0.63
Australian	138.91	148.17†	-0.49	0.72
-do- Acc	164.29	175.24	-0.58	0.72
UK Enterprise	226.28	241.36†	-0.24	2.23
-do- Acc	264.43	282.05	-0.28	2.23
European Gth	64.85	68.97	+0.57	1.31
-do- Acc	67.35	71.64	+0.60	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	59.28	63.17	+0.50	0.43
-do- Acc	59.69	63.60	+0.51	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	76.83	81.95†	+0.76	...
-do- Acc	78.07	83.28	+0.78	...
Fixed Interest	56.54	59.60	+0.39	6.44
-do- Acc	68.66	72.38	+0.48	6.44
Gilt Income	109.77	115.68	+1.08	7.21
-do- Acc	153.31	161.56	+1.51	7.21
Income	340.78	363.49	-2.14	3.73
-do- Acc	1005.1	1072.1	-6.30	3.73
Japan Enterprise	74.65	79.62	+1.88	...
-do- Acc	74.65	79.62	+1.88	...
Japan Smllr Cos	515.07	549.40†	+10.08	...
-do- Acc	516.10	550.50	+10.10	...
Pacific Gth	101.37	108.12†	+1.33	0.24
-do- Acc	104.37	111.33	+1.37	0.24
Smaller Cos	199.52	206.42	+0.74	0.97
-do- Acc	223.83	238.75	+0.86	0.97
Tokyo	120.92	128.98	+3.11	...
-do- Acc	122.15	130.28	+3.14	...
UK Equity	220.30	234.98†	+1.20	2.61
-do- Acc	413.58	441.16	+2.25	2.61
US Smllr Cos	140.91	150.30	+1.22	...
-do- Acc	140.91	150.30	+1.22	...
World Fd	73.87	78.79†	+0.52	1.38
-do- Acc	78.52	83.75	+0.55	1.38
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.13	51.26	-0.12	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.05	70.34	-0.18	1.04
European Opps	76.04	80.98	+0.10	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.77	100.29	+0.03	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	55.24	58.83	...	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	354.60	378.40	+1.00	2.71
American	256.70	272.40	+2.30	0.75
Pacific	366.70	392.20	+8.20	0.51
European	471.30	500.80	+3.10	1.08
Worldwide	85.09	91.03	+0.85	0.96
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	311.70	331.60	-0.80	2.73

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Sm Cos Eqty	212.30	225.90	-0.10	1.58
European	349.40	371.80	+2.30	1.58
North American	263.60	280.50	+2.80	0.58
Income Plus Inc	71.28	75.83	-0.18	3.58
UK Spec Sits	70.47	74.97	-0.05	2.53
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.50	28.36	+0.04	2.72
Intl Growth Acc	31.27	33.47	+0.43	0.95
Market Ldrs Acc	26.81	28.70	-0.06	2.80
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6236				
European	$106.00	...	+1.20	...
Global Bond	$104.20	...	+0.30	7.50
Japan Samurai	$106.80	...	+3.70	...
UK Growth	$102.10	...	+0.20	3.86
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	46.17	49.06	...	1.50
Equity Gth Acc	63.83	67.82	...	1.15
UK Eq General	43.33	46.04	-0.30	2.08
-do- Acc	57.22	60.80	-0.30	2.08
European Acc	43.52	46.24	-0.10	0.95
Far East Acc	60.63	64.42	+0.90	0.16
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.66	34.54	+0.10	5.98
N American Acc	43.70	46.44	+0.30	0.91
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	296.50	321.80	+2.60	1.36
UK Eq High Inc	37.82	40.19	+0.10	3.51
-do- Acc	44.92	47.73	+0.10	3.51
UK Lgr Cos Inc	300.10	325.70	-1.30	3.64
UK Lgr Cos Acc	390.80	424.10	-1.40	3.64
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N233.71	N233.94	+0.039	1.21
US Eq	$2.178	$2.312	+0.011	1.15
Far East Eq	Y245.4	Y262.2	+3.60	...
Japan Eq	Y251.5	Y267.2	+1.70	...
FT Europe	117.40	124.60	+2.20	2.09
FT North Am	$1.719	$1.823	+0.003	1.31
FT Japan	Y250.7	Y266.3	+0.80	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.985	$2.108	+0.018	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	352.70	376.00	+4.30	0.32
British	976.00	1032.6	+1.70	3.93
European	404.30	430.60	+1.30	1.34
Japan	160.90	170.90	+3.60	...
New Pacific	320.20	341.00	+2.80	0.95
Mngd Cash	95.75	95.75†	...	5.17
Majority Stlg	99.95	100.95†	+0.08	4.84
Inv Tst	203.90	216.10	+1.50	1.65
Saints PPP	381.60	401.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690289				
Equity Acc	755.10	807.60	+2.10	2.85
N America Acc	121.20	129.60	+1.20	0.30
Far East Acc	135.00	144.40	+2.30	0.37
W wide Bond	63.33	67.23	+0.55	5.12
European	88.39	94.53	+0.69	0.52
Equity Income	87.14	93.20	+0.24	3.80
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.55	36.96	+0.36	0.52
Managed Assets	123.04	131.60†	+0.63	3.11
UK Income	38.20	40.86	+0.08	3.08
UK Growth	37.55	40.17	+0.01	2.39
Worldwide Gth	33.06	35.36†	+0.66	0.31
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	216.14	229.93†	-0.02	0.08
-do- Acc	238.05	253.25†	-0.02	0.08
British Gth	88.93	94.61	+0.23	1.91
-do- Acc	104.64	111.32	+0.27	1.91
European	99.29	105.63†	+0.98	0.99
-do- Acc	105.53	112.26†	+1.04	0.99
Extra Inc	197.53	210.16	+0.80	4.00
-do- Acc	315.14	335.26	+1.27	4.00
General Unit	275.23	292.80†	+1.03	2.35
-do- Acc	549.67	584.75†	+2.05	2.35
Income	338.38	359.98	+1.74	3.47
-do- Acc	703.18	748.06	+3.60	3.47
International	513.06	545.81	+5.17	0.32
-do- Acc	671.65	714.52	+6.77	0.32
Pacific	368.74	392.28	+0.53	...
-do- Acc	387.35	412.07	+0.56	...
Premier Income	53.38	55.60†	+0.39	6.80
-do- Acc	112.85	117.55†	+0.82	6.80
Nat Resources	147.05	156.44	+0.04	...
-do- Acc	161.39	171.69	+0.05	...
Selected Opps	102.45	108.99	+0.12	1.15
-do- Acc	128.26	136.45	+0.15	1.15
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smll Cos	75.35	80.37	+0.63	...
-do- Acc	77.71	82.89	+0.64	...
European Opps	63.96	68.09	+0.62	0.43
-do- Acc	64.62	68.79	+0.62	0.43
Japan	98.40	104.66	+2.91	...
-do- Acc	98.40	104.66	+2.91	...
Little Dragons	79.22	84.55	+1.05	0.59
-do- Acc	81.60	87.09	+1.09	0.59
Oriental Income	47.07	50.20	+0.96	3.17
-do- Acc	60.00	64.00	+1.22	3.17
Tiger	226.44	241.53	+2.75	1.09
-do- Acc	237.89	253.74	+2.88	1.09
UK Small Cos	83.98	89.81	+0.72	1.77
-do- Acc	97.98	104.79	+0.83	1.77
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	20.25	21.54	+0.04	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.69	36.90	+0.44	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.66	39.00	+1.30	...
Global Bond	$0.970	$1.010	-0.007	7.08
Penny Share	25.15	26.75	+0.04	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.13	53.13	...	5.04
Gilt Growth	71.69	74.61	+0.48	...
Gilt Income	54.28	56.48	+0.33	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	110.80	112.30	+0.30	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.718	$0.727	...	...
Challenger	99.37	101.70	+1.30	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	71.50	76.06	-0.85	1.89

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Prices squeezed to new highs

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 2. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day August 16. Settlement day August 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nat	414	+8	11.5	3.5	15.8
284	170	Allied Irish	276	-1	...	3.8	15.2
190	130	Aus New Z	190	-1	...	4.7	..
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	3181½	-37½	...	...	..
253	177	Bk of Ireland	248	...	...	...	...
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	...	5.0	20.0
169½	116½	Bank Scotland	169	...	17.0	6.1	..
510	362	Barclays	505	-3	4.5	3.4	33.7
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carlisle	19½	...	...	...	...
535	395	Cater Allen	535	+7	27.0	6.3	..
136	85	Cattles	136	+3	...	3.9	18.1
3450	1787½	Chase Manh	2337½	+50	...	...	...
2237½	1343½	Citicorp	2225	-12½	...	...	...
415	250	Close Bros	411	+5	...	2.9	18.3
£130½	9275	Commerzbk	£127½	-250	...	3.1	..
£308½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£306½	...	...	1.9	..
94	45	First Nat Fin	9¼	...	...	...	...
1634	876	Full Bank Y	1629	+4	...	0.7	..
474	343	Gerrard Nat	474	...	...	0.3	∞
746	490	HSBC	744	+5	21.5	5.7	12.6
726	474	HSBC HK	724	-23	19.0	3.2	17.8
388	243	Hambros	388	-22	19.0	3.3	17.3
363	313	Joseph (L)	358 †	+4	14.0	4.5	17.9
155	96	King Shaxson	140	+3	16.6	5.8	..
502	312	Kleinwort Ben	502	...	9.0	8.0	..
591	492	Lloyds	544 †	+4	16.0	4.0	17.2
88	63	Lon Sum Bk	86	+10	18.4	4.2	15.6
500	322	Nat Aust Bk	500	-1	3.0	4.4	17.0
512	309	Nat West	496	+16	...	4.1	17.3
421	270	Provident	420	-1	17.5	4.5	29.7
47	39	Rea Bros	44	+1	11.4	3.4	18.2
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	300	+2	0.5	1.4	46.8
1193	467½	Schroders	1185	+7	8.8	3.7	..
900	576	Stand Chart	898	-8	...	1.2	23.6
218	145½	TSB	217	-16	20.0	2.8	..
185	78	Union Disc	185	+1	6.4	3.7	..
809	529	Warburg SG	809	...	...	...	...
278	165	-do- 6% 'A'	278	-12	...	2.0	20.4
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	7781½	+3	...	2.7	..
185	121	Westpac	185	-50	...	1.3	..
253	168	Wintrust	245	+3	9.3	4.1	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	600	+5	...	4.4	16.2
647	441	Bass	490	+8	18.0	4.8	10.7
299	189	Boddington	270	+4	7.3	3.4	15.7
387	362	Bulmer (HP)	430 †	...	...	3.0	18.9
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	144	...	4.7	4.1	12.0
387	261	Devenish (JA)	387	...	7.8	2.5	21.8
112	75	Eldridge P 'A'	112	+5	...	3.6	29.6
66½	50	Fosters Brewing	55	-1	...	4.9	7.6
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	400	+5	7.4	2.3	17.1
480	383	Grand Met	442	+14	12.3	3.5	14.6
427	347	Greenalls Grp	373	...	11.7	3.9	12.4
563	505	Greene King	562	-2	...	2.7	15.9
516	437	Guinness	472	+11	...	3.1	16.8
281	230	Hardy Hansn	245	...	7.9	4.0	13.6
125	105	Hewitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
347	255	Highland Distl	346	+2	6.0	2.2	23.0
3138	2536	Holt J	2938	-13	41.0	1.7	19.1
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	284	-1	...	3.1	16.2
186	157	Macallan-Glen	157	...	0.9	0.7	35.3
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	378	...	...	2.0	18.0
855	655	Mansfield	783	...	...	2.5	14.0
283	231	Mrston Thmp	276	-1	...	2.4	16.7
433	328½	Matthew Clark	432	...	...	3.0	∞
300	253	Mrrydwn W	294	...	7.0	3.0	∞
545	455	Morland	525	...	8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	2.1	18.6
172	145	Regent Inns	172	...	...	3.3	17.2
975	753	SA Breweries	913	+10	...	3.0	15.1
482½	408	Scot & New	456	+4	...	4.6	14.2
225	181	Taunton Cider	206 †	...	6.0	3.6	16.8
248	213	Vaux Group	236	-1	9.3	5.0	16.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	277	...	...	2.2	22.4
533	435	Whitbread 'A'	533	+17½	...	4.2	14.4
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	524	-2	11.4	2.7	14.7
515	475	Young 'A'	475	...	14.5	3.8	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	8.9	∞
27	13	Albrighton	17	...	...	...	...
123	87	Allen	112	...	...	5.6	25.4
107	65	Amec	102	-2	3.0	3.7	18.9
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
249	155	Ashtead	249	...	4.5	2.3	..
142	101	Attwoods	115	+6	5.0	5.4	16.6
240	180	BPB Ind	240	+5	...	3.0	41.3
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	74	...	3.1	5.3	24.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
106	74	Barcom	106	+1	1.2	1.5	19.2
56½	32½	Bardon	51 †	+1	2.0	4.9	25.1
159	94	Barratt Devs	159	+1	2.0	1.6	17.7
419	305	Bellway	419	+7	...	3.6	24.3
33	15	Bellwinch	31	-1	...	...	...
426	295½	Berkeley Gp	426	+7	...	1.8	26.7
104	45	Bett Bros	104	...	...	0.6	4.3
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
276	189	Blue Circle	276	+6	...	5.1	..
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	93	+2	4.6	6.2	22.5
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	5.7	25.5
83	45	Brit Fittings	67	+1	1.5	2.8	..
151	99	Bryant	144	+1	4.8	4.2	30.8
81	53	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	..
286	205	CRH	279	-6	...	3.0	19.4
43	18	Cakebread Rby	18	-3	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	39	+2	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	129	+1	...	4.0	34.1
70	38	Crest Nicholson	63	...	0.0	...	...
95	28	Cussins	94	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	3	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	17	...	0.5	3.7	..
260	178	Epwin	260	+1	6.8	3.3	22.0
51	32	Erith	44	...	0.3	...	..
443	252	Eve Group	433 †	+3	...	2.9	∞
6½	3½	Explaura	...	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	129 †	...	...	4.8	20.5
50	38	Galliford	42	+1	4.3	...	16.9
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	34	...	...	...	...
915	695	Gleeson (MJ)	910	...	12.7	1.8	14.8
129	90	Hewden-Stuart	129	...	...	3.1	29.3
51	28	Heweston	46	...	...	3.5	33.4
311	186	Heywd Wim	309	+1	12.5	5.1	..
106	37	Higgs & Hill	93	...	2.5	3.4	..
35	25	How Gp	29	...	...	6.5	..
25	15	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.4	..
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	69	+1	1.0	1.8	..
19	12½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
283	196	Laing (J)	282	...	9.0	4.0	11.3
117	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	117	+1½	...	6.8	..
90	55	Le Clydeside	90	...	4.5	6.3	33.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	16	+1	...	...	7.3
320	240	Manders	316	...	9.0	3.6	19.4
157	93	Marley	157	+6	4.2	3.3	46.1
96	61	Marshalls	95	...	...	5.3	65.4
175	122	Maunders (J)	161	...	4.9	3.8	14.7
214	96	Mcalpine (A)	208	...	6.5	3.9	36.0
40	23	McCarthy & S	34	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	368	...	...	3.4	36.9
139	62	Mowlem (J)	121	+1	4.0	4.1	..
112	51	NSM	112	+4	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
170	106	Newman Tnks	170	+1	...	5.9	22.7
300	197	Persimmon	281	+6	8.6	3.8	28.7
31	20	Phoenix Timber	24	-1	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	125	...	3.4	3.4	..
8½	2½	Quiliigotti	7½	...	...	...	...
815	555	RMC Gp	798	+2	...	3.1	31.4
117	75½	Raine Ind	83	...	6.0	9.0	13.9
36	20	Ramus	22	...	...	...	...
531	402	Redland	530	+4	25.0	5.9	30.8
79	64	Roskel	77	...	4.3	7.0	11.3
296	207	Rugby Group	279	+4	6.4	2.9	21.4
42	23	Svrild-Rvees	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	107	...	...	4.7	18.6
188	80½	Sheffield Insl	188	+5	...	3.6	46.1
125	82	Sheriff Hldgs	125	+1	...	2.0	18.6
95	66	Shorco	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	215	...	8.5	4.9	9.8
6½	2½	Starmin	3½	...	0.3	10.7	∞
151	103	Tarmac	145	-1	5.5	4.7	..
194	137	Tay Homes	159	+5	5.8	4.6	10.2
125	63	Taylor Woodrw	123	...	1.0	1.0	..
618	433	Tilbury Dougls	582	-2	33.0	7.1	18.9
39	19	Torex Hirec	35	...	...	1.4	..
246	168	Travis Perkins	240	+2	8.0	4.2	42.3
40	30	Try Group	33	+1	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	1.2	..
74	41	Vibroplant	74	...	2.5	4.3	26.2
65	20	Ward Hldgs	47	-5	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescol	21	...	...	...	...
155	90	Westbury	155	+7	5.0	4.0	24.2
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	434	+3	8.7	2.5	29.8
305	147	Wilson (C)	188	+1	3.9	2.6	32.6
190	104	Wimpey G	190	+3	...	3.5	..
47	25	YRM	34	...	0.5	1.8	..

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
695	463	ADT	658	+23	...	...	∞
228	198	Adam & Harvey	208	...	12.0	7.2	..
92	56	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	49	-1	2.0	5.1	..
178	125	Auto Sec	158	-2	...	4.2	28.3
138	84	BET Ord	138	+3	...	2.9	5.6
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	..
318	258	BPP	306	+3	8.0	3.3	16.7
285	195	Barbour Index	200	...	8.0	5.0	∞
22	15	Boustead	21	...	0.7	4.2	..
265	184	Brit Data Man	229	...	...	2.2	19.1
26	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	...	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	60	...	...	...	...
104	88	CRT Gp	95	...	2.8	3.8	∞
178	139½	Capita Group	162	+1	...	1.6	25.2
45	31	Caskey Plc	42½	...	...	2.4	16.1
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	19½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	46	+1	...	...	...
346	228	Chubb Sec	346	+2	...	1.7	21.5
96	78	Comac	84	...	...	2.2	21.0
30	6½	Corp Services	26	...	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnsltg	48	-1	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
236	198	Davis Service	235	...	...	4.2	17.7
104	85	EW Fact	94	+3	4.3	5.7	10.8
28	11	Gardiner	27½	...	0.6	...	18.9
246	215	Hays	241½	-½	4.6	2.4	23.8
225	174	Hogg Robinsn	224	+3	...	3.7	10.3
70	36	Holmes Protectn	37	...	...	...	2.3
193	127	Hunch Whamp	191	+3	...	2.5	16.2
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	2062½	...	...	5.1	2.7
637	519	Inchcape	547	+5	...	3.1	19.0
863	669	Johnson Clean	822	+2	25.7	3.0	17.9
12	2½	Lep	8	...	...	...	...
270	173	Mitie Gp	270	+15	3.5	1.6	∞
1187	893	Manpower	1067	+31	1.8	4.3	22.3
52½	40½	Michael Page	52½	...	...	6.8	6.9
279	185	Penna	185	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	127	-1	...	11.8	7.0
423	337	RCO	390	+2	12.8	5.0	11.8
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	..
103	45	Reed Executive	99	+1	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec	118	...	...	4.9	∞
338	178	Rentokil	205	+4	2.3	1.4	25.6
283	230	Rolfe & Nolan	223	...	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	367	+2	...	2.7	20.1
35	26	Scott Pickford	34	...	...	2.9	10.8
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6½	5	Select App	5½	...	...	...	...
1005	695	Serco Gp	1005	+5	14.0	1.7	27.8
352	135	Sherwd Crup	144	...	...	6.1	4.2
130	90	Sketchley	97	...	...	3.9	22.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	328	...	6.5	2.5	17.1
45	27	Welpac	34	-1	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23½	...	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	247	+1	...	2.2	21.7
838	613	Amersham	814	-1	...	2.1	28.2
7	1½	Anglo Utd	1½	...	...	...	...
£102½	8325	BASF DM	£100½	-21½	...	3.2	..
294	199	BTP	294	+1	...	4.0	20.3
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£116½	...	...	4.5	..
178	134	Blagden	156	...	9.5	7.6	16.8
165	93	Brent Chems	120	+2	...	7.7	11.0
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	345	...	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	12½	...	...	13.6	34.0
153	126	Canning (W)	138	+5	7.2	6.6	15.8
608	504	Courtaulds	580	+8	...	3.0	15.4
295	228	Croda	291	...	...	3.3	19.0
149	121	Doefler	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
219	175	Ellis & Everard	209 †	...	7.0	4.2	∞
34	15½	Euro Colour	34	...	0.8	2.9	20.8
310	259	Halstead (J)	310	+1	...	2.4	15.5
241	181	Hickson	181	-3	...	5.5	16.6
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£109½	...	...	3.2	..
225	195	Holliday Chem	214	+3	...	2.2	19.6
710	608	ICI	685	+7	...	5.1	..
688	570	Laporte	638	+2	19.5	3.6	17.6
223	181	Leigh	210	+7	...	4.8	19.7
97½	35	MTM	55	+3	...	...	...
1980	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1775	-9½	...	1.6	25.2
451	370	Paterson Zoch	453	...	11.4	3.2	19.5
407	360	-do- 'A'	400	...	11.4	3.5	17.5
296	225	Plysu	225	...	...	3.9	14.7
245	123	Porvair	244	...	3.6	1.8	26.1
14	7	Sutcliffe Speak	13½	...	...	...	...
455	412	Wardle Storeys	417	+4	16.0	4.8	16.8
490	395	Wtsmhlme R	480	...	17.0	4.4	16.4
401	330	Yorks Chem	360	+7	...	2.7	19.1
306	238	Yule Catto	256	...	5.0	2.9	19.6
657	593	Zeneca	652	+2	...	5.4	37.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	62 †	...	...	6.0	..
87	42	Amber Day	70	-1	3.1	5.5	19.2
340	257	Argos Plc	340	+7	...	2.6	29.0
25	12	Ashley Group	16½	...	...	4.3	..
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	106	-1	0.1	0.1	..
305	278	Asprey	291	...	5.1	2.2	20.3
134	94	Austin Reed	122	...	...	2.6	..
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	3.1	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	101	+1	1.9	2.4	..
278	208	Betterware	265	...	...	0.9	31.7
35	22	Blacks Leis	28	...	2.2	10.6	..
227	133	Body Shop	214	-2	...	1.0	22.6
15½	11½	Brown & Jackson	15½	-½	...	0.6	7.7
401	318	Brown (N)	381	...	...	2.3	22.4
87½	64½	Burton	78	+1	...	3.2	..
145	126	Carpets	142	...	...	2.4	18.9
360	295	Church	343	...	12.5	4.6	31.5
183	97	Clinton Cards	160	-1	4.2	3.3	19.3
250	212	Coats Viyella	246	+1	...	3.7	29.0
112	78	Colourvision	96	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
640	374	Courts Furnish	672	...	5.5	1.0	8.4
155	115	Crown Eyre	140	...	...	6.5	∞
123	89	Dairy Farm Intl	123	+5	...	2.9	18.4
79	51½	Dewhirst (I)	79	...	1.0	1.6	25.4
281	189	Dixons Grp	233	-1	...	3.3	..
413	320	Dunhill	375	-1	8.1	2.7	14.6
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	505	...	16.0	4.1	16.9
157	71	Essex Furn	157	+2	...	2.2	26.6
259	203	Etam	259	...	6.9	3.3	23.7
608	499	Fine Art Dev	607	-1	12.7	2.6	19.8
50	36	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
543	498	Formminster	538 †	...	14.0	3.3	∞
138	24	French Conne	110	...	...	...	...
68	43	Gent SR	68	...	2.0	3.7	20.0
59	23	Goldsmiths Gp	57	+2	0.3	0.7	..
3638	2400	GUS	3638	+20	...	1.5	28.5
2048	1563	-do- 'A'	2043	+25	...	2.7	15.9
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Harrisone	90	...	...	5.9	..
25½	16	Helene Plc	27½	...	2.0	10.7	11.1
72	29	Heritage	72	...	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle	69	-1	...	1.8	9.8
123	63	Jacques Vert	123	...	3.0	3.1	∞
657	496	Kingfisher	654	+19	...	2.6	21.4
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
685	495	Liberty	585	+5	7.2	1.5	68.9
320	241	Lloyds Chem	264	-2	5.5	2.6	10.4
152	120	MFI	146	-2	...	3.3	30.2
365½	311	Marks Spencer	364	+6	...	2.8	20.0
509	445	Menzies (John)	509	+3	...	2.7	14.2
225	135	Moss Bros	225	...	5.5	3.1	28.4
230½	139½	Next	202½	-3	2.5	1.5	24.2
40	15	Oliver (G)	31	...	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	300	-3	...	4.1	∞
63	44½	Pentos	49	+1	1.5	3.8	10.2
313	185	QS Hldgs	215	...	5.1	3.0	15.3
41½	11	Ratners Group	36½	...	...	...	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	34	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	148	...	...	2.2	13.3
115	93	Sears	114	+4	...	3.8	..
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	480	+15	13.4	3.5	16.0
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
222	176	Storehouse	220½	+4½	...	2.8	28.5
191	148	T & S Stores	156	...	5.9	4.7	11.6
145	71	Tie Rack	145	+1	1.0	0.9	23.7
220	160	Time Products	217	+2	7.5	4.3	18.7
100	63	Usher (Frank)	99	...	...	6.3	7.8
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	..
120	78	Wickes	114	...	...	...	50.6
78	45	Wnd of Leather	60	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	183	...	...	2.7	24.2
4	2½	Zira-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	184	+1	...	3.4	18.5
240	223	Acal	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
102½	38	Acorn Compt	112	...	...	...	56.8
480	385	Admiral	444	...	3.4	1.5	18.8
151	104	Alba	151	...	...	4.1	18.5
48	19½	Alphameric	38	+1	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	...	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holo	70	...	...	...	...
38	13	Arlen	36	...	...	...	...
69½	35½	Astec	68½	...	...	...	1.1
293	290	Beales Hunter	255	...	9.4	4.7	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	435	-8	19.2	5.5	29.5
575	437	Blick	437	...	9.2	2.6	17.0
1700	1150	Borland	1250	...	...	...	...
370	274	Bowthorpe	366	-1	6.3	2.2	23.9
445½	376	BT	439½	+3½	...	4.6	19.8
187	150	BT P/P	186	+4½	...	4.4	21.1
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	...	0.1	1.1	..
160	110	Burnfield	137	+1	5.7	5.2	21.7
839	669	Cable Wireless	835	+17	...	2.2	26.9
21½	11½	Chloride	20½	...	...	...	...
258	228	CML Micro	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
115	74	Comptr People	90	...	0.6	0.9	..
164	108½	Cray Elect	150 †	...	...	1.3	15.1
407	273	Crichley	407 †	+3	...	1.9	∞
551	414	Delta	550	+1	...	3.2	22.6
342	205	Denmans Ele	342	...	...	2.2	14.6
620	395	Domino	620	+23	7.2	2.1	14.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	...	2.5	5.4	19.1
1050	865	Drucks	1050	+25	10.0	1.2	∞
455	358	Electrocomponts	446	-2	...	2.2	18.2
580	470	El Data Prc	545	-5	5.1	1.2	14.9
108	43	Electron House	108	...	...	2.6	31.3
30½	10½	Emess	25½	+1½	0.1	0.5	..
598	462	Eurotherm	591 †	+2	8.0	1.7	26.9
154	108	FKI	154	+1	...	2.4	22.5
454	340	Farnell Elect	446	...	...	1.7	23.6
98	33	Feedback	90	...	...	2.1	11.7
18	9½	Ferranti	12	...	...	...	...
254	101	First Tech	247	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	18½	-1	...	...	...
357½	284	GEC	352	+3	10.3	3.7	17.7
194	132	Graseby	193	...	...	7.1	40.6
11½	7½	Graystone	10½	-1	...	...	...
38	36	Hillclare	36	...	...	...	...
169	83	INSTEM	145	...	...	1.2	11.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	368	...	...	1.7	10.4
19	6	Kembrey	16 †	...	8.8	3.0	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	306	+1	0.1	1.2	..
215	47	Kewill Sys	190	...	...	3.2	17.2
207	100	Kode	188	...	...	...	...
35	16	Laser-Scan	35	-1	5.5	3.7	22.3
365	122	LBMS	244	-4	...	0.4	34.4
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	..
179	134	Life Sciences	148	+4	3.5	3.0	16.0
260	164	Logica	241	...	3.6	1.9	28.4
54	44	LPA Inds	49	+1	...	9.0	13.8
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	190	...	4.3	2.8	18.1
683	523	Macro 4	662	-1	...	2.6	22.2
635	435	Memrier-Sw	607	...	...	2.3	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1815	+2	...	...	16.7
227	147	Microgen	147	...	7.2	6.2	10.0
34½	23½	Microvitec	25½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	505 †	-3	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	356	-20	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compt	126	...	...	3.5	16.0
36	16	Molynx	33½	...	1.3	4.9	..
272	202	MTL Instr	217	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	105	Multitone Elect	110	...	3.5	4.0	∞
300	116	Murray Elect	200	+2	1.8	1.2	..
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6162½	+75	...	...	...
155	135	Neutronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
191	58	Norbain	191	...	...	1.0	14.6
75	20	Northamber	58	...	0.6	1.3	..
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	...
284	195	Oxford Instr	283	...	...	2.0	19.3
83	48	P-E Internt'l	63	-3	1.0	2.0	..
81½	29	P & P	70	-1	1.4	2.5	36.7
80	55	Peek	71	...	3.4	6.0	18.5
190	115	Pegasus	175	+1	...	4.5	44.9
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	..
1312½	725	-do- Lmp cv	1312½	+37½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	251	...	...	...	...
530	343	Pifco	530	+10	8.2	2.0	∞
510	303	-do- 'A' Voting	510	+10	8.2	2.0	∞
96	63	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
108	76	Pressac	108	...	2.4	2.8	21.8
135	85	Psion	90	+1	...	3.5	23.9
251	180	Racal Elect	242	+2	4.2	2.2	14.4
70	45	Radamec	56	...	...	3.3	12.0
70	31	Radius	38 †	-1	2.7	...	13.1
92	61	Real Time	79	...	...	4.9	∞
35	18	Riva	29	...	...	...	36.8
629	380	Sage Gp	415	...	9.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325	+5	9.0	3.5	13.9
80	49	Scantronic	80 †	...	3.1	4.9	20.2
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
371	270	Sema Gp	366	+1	2.8	1.0	29.6
42	26	Silvermines	39	-1	...	3.2	..
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2612½	+71½	...	1.2	29.1
27	4½	TDS Circuits	15½	-½	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	153	...	0.8	0.7	25.2
976	809	THORN EMI	962 †	+23	...	4.2	19.7
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	65	Total Systems	65	-1	3.0	5.8	11.5
487	372	Tunstall	466	...	6.0	1.6	18.6
278	164	Unitech	270	-2	6.1	2.9	∞
11½	6	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29	...	...	1.6	16.6
509	367	Vodafone	505	+6	...	1.7	22.9
445	368	Volex	445	...	17.8	5.1	17.8
26	11	Western Selectn	25	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	252	+1	11.7	6.0	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	389	East Midlands	498	+6	...	4.9	9.3
523	399	Eastern Elect	513	+6	...	4.7	10.2
366	304	Hydro-Elect	362½	+1½	...	4.0	12.9
525	404	London Elect	515	+6	...	4.7	11.4
564	458	Manweb	554	+6	...	4.7	8.0
532	424½	Midlands Elec	524	+4	...	4.8	9.4
375	273	National Powr	357	+2	...	3.7	10.6
566½	440	Northern Elec	557	+3	...	4.8	8.0
157½	103	Nthn Ireland	146	+4	...	4.7	8.9
552	430	Norweb	549 †	+3	20.0	4.6	8.5
401	273	PowerGen	391	+3	...	3.4	10.3
346	285	Scottish Power	346	+3	...	4.1	12.6
575	436	Seeboard	562	+9	...	4.4	9.1
582	469	Sth Wales	577	+6	...	4.8	9.6
532	426	Sth Western	522	+6	...	4.8	12.5
527	406	Southern Elec	526	+8	...	4.7	9.6
562	455	Yorkshire Elec	546	+4	...	4.7	10.3

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	50½	...	1.0	2.5	∞
106	47	BWD	102	...	...	3.9	15.9
91	26	Baltic Plc	91	...	...	1.4	..
518	413	Caledonia	518	+2	...	3.6	19.3
1500	1075	Carnells	1400	...	...	1.1	5.2
293	263	Candover	293	...	10.2	4.4	20.8
138	71	Flextech	138	+6	...	0.5	..
326	155	Goven	326	+5	...	4.7	10.0
166	125	Ivory Sime	166 †	+8	...	4.9	15.6
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
225	154	Lon Forfaitng	225	+4	8.4	4.8	16.0
64	47	Masakin	64	...	5.0	10.6	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
51	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
289	246	Rathbone Brs	289	+3	6.0	2.6	17.6
29½	17	Ruland Tst	21½	...	...	4.7	12.8
330	253	S & U	270	...	10.0	4.6	10.0
72	48	Singer & Fried	71	+1	2.6	4.6	..
975	713	Sotheby	765	+15	...	5.3	..
154	83	SIP Capital	154	+3	3.0	2.4	63.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2287½	1487½	Amer Express	2281½	-3½	...	...	..
980	835	Henderson Ad	980	+67	...	5.4	22.6
161	92	Invesco	160	+1	...	2.3	..
230	164	Jardine Strat	221	...	...	3.5	10.2
223½	154	MAI	222½	+5½	6.0	3.4	18.2
646	389	MAM	646	+16	13.0	2.9	16.1
890	633	M & G	890	+6	...	3.0	23.7
302	109	Smith New Ct	301	+6	...	2.5	4.6
81	55	Trio Hldgs	78	...	...	4.8	..

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	456	AB Food	495	+5	14.0	3.5	11.3
77½	53	ASDA Group	62½	...	...	3.2	14.3
282	170	Acatos & Hutch	252	...	6.5	2.9	16.3
76	55	Albert Fisher	68	+1	1.7	0.9	11.3
407	287	Argyll	318	-3	...	4.3	11.7
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	142	...	...	7.1	2.9
220	160	Banks (S C)	215	...	...	...	..
402	310	Barr (AG)	370	+5	9.0	5.3	∞
85	57	Bensons Crisp	82	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	5.8	13.8
455	357	Booker	432	-17	...	6.2	45.0
52	35	Bonhwick	48	...	...	3.1	59.6
505	430	Brake Bros	501	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	47 †	-1	1.0	2.7	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	475	-2	...	3.5	17.6
117	78	Carrs Milling	117	...	3.9	4.2	23.4
196	156	Cranswick	178	+4	...	5.6	13.3
22	8½	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.7	48.8
384	150	Dalepak	195	...	6.0	3.9	∞
491	424	Dalgety	488	...	19.5	5.0	14.2
54	27	Daniels S	52	...	0.6	...	...
200	191	Devro	197	-1	...	3.5	18.7
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
350	269	Farepak	350	...	5.7	2.1	21.5
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	-1	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.4	18.1
483	328	Geest	384	-1	8.1	2.6	17.3
12	7	Globals	12	...	...	3.2	18.7
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	187	-1	...	4.4	10.6
171	131	Hillsdown	155	+6	...	7.1	12.2
250	205½	Iceland Group	224	-2	...	1.9	20.0
131	103	JLI Group	113	+2	4.6	5.1	∞
853	655	Kwik Save	678	-4	16.0	2.9	13.0
282	174	Low (Wm)	181	+4	8.4	5.8	8.8
60	41	Matthews (B)	60	+1	2.2	4.7	39.3
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17	+½	1.1	8.5	33.3
174	124	Morrison (W)	150	...	...	0.7	19.5
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.2	15.6
280	262	Nthn Foods	275	+4	...	3.8	13.7
280	9½	Nrdumbrn Fns	12 †	+1	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	212	...	...	3.6	12.2
280	205	Park Foods	244 †	+12	6.0	3.1	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	88	+2	...	6.3	9.6
96½	47	PrestoExpress	91	...	...	0.7	52.3
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5½	-1	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	475	+9	...	2.6	16.7
86	33	Senny Farms	83	...	...	2.3	14.9
225	98	Sims Food	99	...	...	9.5	19.1
439	357	Tate & Lyle	400	...	12.0	3.8	12.6
273	195	Tesco	218	+2	...	4.1	10.1
211	123	Thorntons	144	...	3.6	3.2	13.4
183	101	Treats	150	...	...	3.0	17.0
395	300	Unigate	390	+6	...	5.2	12.8
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	376	-2	...	5.1	17.9
25	20	Usborne	25	...	...	2.9	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	260	...	13.3	6.2	14.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	12	Abrdn Stk Hs	18	+4	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	...	1.5	2.3	20.5
231	170	Forte	230	+5	...	4.1	18.0
220	153	Friendly Hotels	189	-1	5.7	3.8	36.0
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	107½	...	...	6.5	∞
215	154	Ladbroke	209	+8	11.1	6.7	17.9
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	69	+1	...	4.9	17.4
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	..
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	16½	...	...	6.1	..
865	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	843	+3	7.0	1.0	..
60½	34½	Stakis	60 †	...	...	0.9	..

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	112	...	...	9.8	6.8
616	455	AAH	498	-1	...	4.3	16.0
177	140	AIM	172 †	...	7.5	3.5	∞
132	88	APV	105	...	...	6.4	..
233	81	ASW	230	+5	...	3.3	..
188	124	Adwest	187	-1	7.0	4.7	26.6
30	10	Aerospace Eng	25	...	1.0	...	15.2
254	249	Alsprang	253 ‡	...	...	2.2	16.2
151	113	Alexdra W	151	+1	3.8	3.1	41.7
9½	6½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
546	415	Alumasc	546	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
45	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp	41	...	...	3.1	..
107	78	Anagen	88	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	85 †	+1	...	6.4	..
945	703	Antofagasta	908	...	...	2.2	16.8
50	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	151	-2	6.4	5.3	15.4
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	∞
541½	434	Avon Rubber	513	+3	...	4.0	20.5
245	168	Assoc Nursg	245	...	...	0.5	15.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	655	+3	...	4.2	16.5
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	51	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	180	-4	...	3.3	15.1
65	28	BLP Group	46	...	...	...	...
17	13	BM Gp	16	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	635	BOC	646	-5	23.2	4.5	14.2
79½	62	BSG	73	+½	...	3.5	25.4
487	353	BSS Group	448	...	...	4.8	26.8
409½	318	BTR	407	+5	...	3.3	28.3
221	155	BWI	177	+2	6.7	4.7	16.2
45	31	Babcock	45½	-2	...	6.1	25.8
8	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	259	-1	8.9	4.3	18.0
1062½	550½	Barlow Rand	650	+12½	...	5.3	3.7
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	63	...	...	2.8	25.8
15	5	Beaufort	7½	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Beckenham	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
22½	15½	Benson Group	16½	...	0.1	0.8	15.2
707	461	Bespak	520	+7	10.0	2.4	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	92	-2	9.7	...	5.4
312	129	Billam (J)	256	...	5.0	2.4	12.9
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea	32	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5	...	0.6	...	...
160	118½	Birkby	159	-1	3.5	2.8	15.1
45	32	Black Arrow	37	...	2.6	9.2	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
188	136	Black (Peter)	188	...	2.9	2.0	19.4
323	129	Bluebird Toys	282	...	...	2.0	17.6
290½	247	Bodycote	278	...	...	2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.3	1.6	∞
563	416	Boots	488	-2	...	3.4	18.1
61	42	Booth Inds	47	...	0.7	1.9	..
517	439½	Bowater	475	+9	11.5	3.0	18.8
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1351 †	-17	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	246	...	...	1.9	18.4
19	12½	Brasway	15	...	0.5	4.3	∞
281	204	Brammer	280	...	13.0	5.8	20.9
22	12	Bridgend Gp	21½	+1½	0.4	2.3	..
119	64	Bridon	109	...	...	4.6	77.2
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	40	...	...	7.9	9.8
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	..
59	42	Br Bloodstock	54	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	500	...	...	2.5	17.9
117½	54	Br Steel	117	+4½	...	1.1	..
180	100	Br Syphon	110 †	...	...	3.4	30.8
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	2.2	..
268	215	Br Vita	256	+3	7.1	3.5	15.8
15½	5½	Brixton Grp	14½ †	-½	...	1.5	..
730	595	Broken Hill	695	+11	...	2.6	33.0
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	99	...	...	5.6	12.9
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	52	...	...	...	...
130	91	Bullough	130 †	+2	6.0	5.8	22.3
26	13	Business Tech	13	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	23.1
25	11	Campbll & Arm	13	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	29	-1	...	...	...
245	205	Cape	245	...	...	5.4	16.6
245	178	Carclo Eng	244	...	8.6	4.4	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2863	...	...	2.3	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	70 †	...	...	4.3	11.4
198	158	Castings	198	...	4.3	2.7	14.0
145	113	Chamberln Hill	145	+5	6.2	5.4	9.1
707	605	Charter Cons	692 †	-1	...	4.0	16.3
295	220	Chemring	295	...	...	3.5	17.8
92	45	Chieftain Gp	51	...	5.1	...	10.6
35	17	Chillington	34	...	0.2	0.9	..
204	144	Christies Int	181	...	...	1.0	..
61	34	Clayhithe	60 †	...	...	5.2	..
95	70	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	315	+20	6.8	2.7	..
223	179	Community H	193	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
246	188½	Concentric	214	+3	...	3.3	18.0
209	120	Cook (Wm)	205	+7	5.0	3.1	12.2
220	182	Cookson	220	+2	...	3.4	29.1
63	38	Copymore	61	...	...	2.0	18.6
238	130	Crowl Plr 'A'	152	...	5.7	4.7	13.0
178	92	Cosair	111	...	10.7	...	16.9
224	150	Creighton Nt	182	...	...	5.0	17.7
48	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	36.3
3737½	2993½	Dana	3675 †	-9½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	220	-3	...	0.6	30.9
237	193	David Brown	237	+2	...	3.2	16.8
18	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	689	+5	...	3.1	18.3
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.6	20.7
535	391	Diploma	528	-1	9.7	2.3	27.5
77	50	Dobson Park	76	...	5.7	...	13.7
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	111 †	...	5.0	5.6	∞
78	57	-do- 'A'	75 †	...	5.0	8.3	∞
16½	8	EFG	12	...	...	...	...
421	307	EIS	399	...	...	3.9	15.8
28	19	Ebler	23	...	...	...	...
43	10	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2237½	-37½	...	2.5	..
66	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	462	...	...	5.4	25.4
3237½	1350	Ericsson 'B'	3150	+50	...	1.0	..
53	32	Eurocopy	45	...	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	81	+1	...	5.0	1.9
690	499	Fairey Group	690	+8	10.2	1.8	21.3
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	55	...	...	2.3	12.9
15	¼	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	22	Ferrum	22	...	2.5	14.2	15.4
51	28	Fife Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	..
251	147	Fisons	169	+1	...	6.4	19.6
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	10.1	..
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	70	...	3.6	6.5	35.1
218	166½	Frost Group	214	...	4.0	2.4	9.0
85	71	GEI Int	74	...	...	8.3	..
507	434	GKN	507	...	...	5.1	33.3
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	..
98	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.0	5.3	..
160	103	Gestetner	141	+5	8.2	7.3	6.1
36	23	Gieves	30	...	...	...	21.7
801	509	Glaxo	518	-6	17.0	4.1	14.3
38	16	Glenchewton	33	+4	...	...	...
317	245	Glynwed	317	+5	11.6	4.2	29.5
110	66	Goode Durrant	110	...	...	6.3	..
134	102	Grampian Hd	132	+3	5.5	5.2	22.9
407	341	Granada	410	...	7.7	2.3	21.8
407	301	Great Sthrn	394	...	...	3.5	16.2
96	78	Green (Ernst)	89	-1	...	9.8	12.3
15½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.5	13.6
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	52½	...	...	4.8	18.9
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	..
235	115	Hall Eng	228	...	8.6	4.7	19.0
282	215	Halma	282	+9	...	1.2	28.4
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	...	1.6	5.0	∞
285½	222	Hanson	259½	+¾	...	5.6	13.0
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206	...	...	4.2	12.5
195	147	Harrisn Crsfd	195	-2	9.0	5.9	27.6
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	41	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	26	...	0.7	3.4	13.7
13½	5	Healthcase	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	386	-2	14.8	4.8	16.6
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
159	112½	Hill & Smith	156 †	-3	...	4.5	21.7
10½	6½	Hobson	9	...	...	...	43.3
144	87	Holders Tech	144	...	...	5.3	18.5
49	30	Hopkinsons	48	+1	1.3	3.4	19.9
167	131	Hornby	145	...	...	7.8	13.7
83	54½	Howden	83	...	2.2	3.4	∞
249	173	Hunting	246	...	...	5.1	20.8
430	269½	Huntleigh Tec	425	...	...	2.9	10.8
306½	247	IMI	306	+5	...	4.1	26.1
112	90	ISA Intl	105	...	1.5	1.8	16.3
205	155	Intercare Gp	155	-2	...	2.1	16.4
255	235	Isoton	242	...	3.9	2.0	18.5
528	360	Jardine Math	525	+7	...	2.4	19.1
537	425	Johnson Math	487	+3	...	2.6	21.3
64	36½	Johnson & Fit	40½	-7½	3.0	9.3	12.5
177	104	Johnston	154	...	3.2	2.6	..
32	19	Jones Shipman	29	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	..
73	26	Kalamazoo	72 †	...	2.1	3.6	16.7
178	73	Kalon	159½	...	...	2.5	22.1
297	253	Kelsey Ind	258	-2	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	525	...	27.0	6.4	27.2
235	75	Kleeneze	220	-3	...	...	...
143	61	LGW	141	...	3.0	2.7	11.7
348	266	Laird	348	+8	...	3.8	17.1
156	110	Lilleshall	155	...	4.2	3.4	19.1
153	97	Lincat	150	...	...	4.3	12.9
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	17½	...	...	...	14.4
128	76	Linread	118	-1	3.7	4.0	18.2
220	170	Linton Park	215	...	...	8.1	7.8
15½	10½	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	..
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	201	+2	9.4	5.9	15.4
135	70	Londo	130 †	+½	...	3.8	..
378	269	Low & Bonar	378	+6	...	3.0	52.5
343	265	MB-Caradon	282	-3	...	3.7	22.6
169½	135	-do- pf	146½	...	7.2	6.2	..
31	14½	ML Hldgs	31	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	37 †	...	...	8.4	38.1
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
213	168	Macfarlane	210	-2	...	1.9	23.8
443	379	McKechnie	441	-2	14.7	4.2	21.9
106	85	McLeod Russel	100	+3	6.0	7.5	12.2
10½	3½	Maddox	4½	...	...	...	24.6
87	63	Magnolia	87	...	0.1	0.1	14.0
106	71	Mang Bronze	92	...	1.0	1.4	..
26½	20	Marling	20	-1	...	4.1	..
192	124	Mayborn	186	+1	...	3.4	15.4
55	29	Mayflower	54	-1	...	2.9	45.1
236	97½	Medeva	111	+2	...	2.5	9.0
113	88	Meggitt	111	...	...	4.3	18.9
125	98	Metalr	125	...	...	3.6	20.3
78	70	Metsec	78	...	...	...	...
83	29	Midsumrs	74	-1	...	1.3	10.3
25	14	Mining & Ald	24½	...	0.5	2.6	..
488	368	Molins	450	...	...	3.9	11.7
345	262	Morgan Cble	329	...	...	4.8	17.6
184	134	Morris Ashby	184	...	...	3.7	14.0
31	18	Neepsend	27	...	0.7	3.5	35.6
60	34	Neifor-BNA	59	+2	3.1	6.7	14.1
191	122	Nobo Gp	183 †	...	4.8	3.3	∞
173	122½	Norcros	170	-2	...	5.1	24.8
51	35	Novo Group	45	...	...	3.7	14.1
413	310	Nu-Swift	330	...	...	...	∞
54	36	Office Elec Mac	54	...	0.1	0.2	..
39½	21	OMI Intl	32 †	+1	1.7	6.8	..
140	123	PCT	128	...	...	7.1	14.5
49	36	Pacer Systems	37	-1	...	10.3	..
138	101	Pentland	114	-1	...	2.7	15.5
388	310	Photo-Me	387	...	4.4	1.4	19.7
147	97½	Pilkington	144	+1	...	3.5	..
79	68	Plansbrook	70	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
154	125	Polypipe	127	+1½	1.9	1.8	18.3
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34 †	-1	...	4.6	15.6
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	360	-1	...	2.2	18.7
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½ †	...	0.7	5.3	8.9
54	33½	RPS Group	50	...	2.1	5.6	10.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ranco Oil	125	...	...	1.0	41.9
799	636	Rank Org	784	+20	31.0	4.9	21.4
33	23	Ransomes	34	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	600	-10	...	3.4	21.8
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	194	+5	4.9	3.2	23.3
303	208	Renishaw	256	+1	6.5	3.2	19.6
87	55	Renold	87	+1½	...	1.4	..
1573	1240	Reuters	1505 †	-19	21.3	1.8	24.9
41½	24½	Rexmore	41½	+½	1.7	5.4	..
148	91	Ricardo Group	148	+8	5.7	4.8	41.6
68	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	..
98	63	Richardson West	88	...	3.0	4.3	22.5
128	109	Ropner	118	...	8.2	8.7	19.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	25	Ross Gp	25	-1	0.6	3.3	10.2
182	131½	Rotork	180	...	...	2.6	20.8
155	89	Rubicon	155	...	...	3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	61	...	...	2.0	..
29	15	SEP Indl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
962½	625	SKF 'B'	962½	-12½	...	...	...
48	39	Saville Grdn (J)	48	+½	2.2	5.9	∞
248	205	Scapa	228	...	...	3.1	17.4
238	192	Scholl	217	+2	...	3.6	15.8
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1005	917	Securicor	1005 †	+2	2.6	0.3	38.2
687	562	-do- 'A'	685 †	-1	2.6	0.5	26.1
585	465	Security Serv	585 †	...	5.0	1.1	28.9
114½	77	Senior Eng	114½	...	...	3.4	19.1
361	287	Seton Health	287	-2	...	2.5	16.9
68	42	Sheldon Jones	65	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	126	...	2.9	2.9	13.6
344	281	Sidlaw	305 †	...	...	4.1	19.5
560	427	Siebe	555	+7	...	2.3	22.5
351	220	Silentnight	350	...	...	2.9	20.6
134	102	Sime Darby	119	...	...	3.8	13.6
142	32	Simon Eng	63	+1	5.0	4.9	14.6
250	194	Sinclair (Wm)	194	-1	7.0	4.5	12.5
47	36	Six Hundred	38	...	...	5.8	..
164	139½	Smith & Neph	148	+1	...	3.0	19.8
513	389	SmithKline	439½	-5½	9.6	2.5	15.7
450	340	SmithKline Uts	386	+6	...	3.5	15.9
394	320	Smiths Ind	375	-4	11.2	3.8	15.3
140	58	Stha Bus	59	...	3.7	7.2	5.6
450	265	Spandex	390	...	...	2.1	17.3
650	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.1
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	350	+1½	...	3.3	22.2
145	44	Spring Ram	64	-3	...	0.7	17.5
290	222	Staveley	247½	+½	...	4.3	14.0
162	125	Sterling Ind	155	...	...	4.5	23.8
26	11	Stonehill	23½	-1	...	...	...
180	97	Suter	180	+2	8.8	6.1	18.8
361	234	Swire Pacific 'A'	340	+6	...	2.5	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	275	...	...	4.5	18.3
368	279	TI	358	-6	...	3.8	26.2
23	12	TLS Range	23	-4	...	1.4	..
290	211	TT Group	278	+½	...	3.0	17.1
249	220	Talcare	237	...	1.9	0.9	19.7
853	618	Takeda Chem	852	+25	...	0.5	22.6
65	26	Tex Hldgs	62	-1	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	98	...	...	2.2	∞
225	150	Titon	215	...	...	2.1	18.2
271	212½	Tomkins	235½	+3	...	3.4	21.1
110½	67	Trafalgar H	104	...	...	3.9	7.6
579	346	Transfer Tech	489	+5	16.0	4.1	12.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	173 †	...	7.0	5.1	∞
253	214	UniChem	222	+2	5.6	3.2	14.5
395	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	11.9
76	11½	Unigroup	67	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	965	+14	21.3	2.8	13.1
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	6625	-46½	...	3.1	11.1
915	513	VSEL	878	...	...	4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	8	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	163	+3	...	1.2	..
367	243	Victaulic	296	+11	...	3.3	14.6
435	383	Vinten	435	+2	...	2.0	20.2
659	427	Vosper Thorny	654	...	...	3.0	15.8
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	11.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	415	+3	...	5.4	17.8
86	71	Walker Greenbk	84	...	3.1	4.6	21.4
258	201	Wassall	252	+3	2.5	1.2	25.4
37	22	Wriford Wdgwd	37	...	...	...	...
382	291	Weir	382	+1	...	1.9	21.5
993	600	Wellcome	645	-14	13.0	2.5	17.8
23½	19	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	22.6
313	260	West Hlthcare	313	+4	...	1.5	∞
510	460	Wharman	500	+2	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	301	-2	...	3.3	11.7
64	27	Whitecroft	64	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
99	44	Wilkes (James)	92	-1	3.5	4.8	26.9
365	295½	Williams Hldg	337	+1	12.5	4.6	17.6
35	17	Wilshaw	35	...	...	1.8	21.8
661	533	Wolseley	643	+3	12.5	2.4	22.3
190	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.2	..
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	23.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1706½	-6½	...	3.9	..
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2162½	+25	...	3.4	..
47	30	Archer (AJ)	45	...	4.4	...	21.9
148	118	Bradstock	143	...	5.1	4.5	17.5
498	359½	Britannic	429	-7	...	3.3	..
667	556	Com Union	661	+12	...	4.7	..
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
33	18	FAI	33	+7	...	...	...
696	546	Gen Accident	694	+11	26.7	4.9	..
209	160	GRE	207	+4	7.0	4.2	17.2
395	293	Heath C E	395	...	...	5.1	..
228	168	Hogg Gp	218	...	8.1	4.7	19.8
218	164	JIB Group	211	-1	7.5	4.4	21.4
513	408½	Legal & Gen	493	+3	...	4.8	30.0
1092	768	Liberty Life	972 †	+12	...	3.0	16.8
465	405	Lloyds Abbey	431 †	+2	17.3	5.0	16.8
335	253	Lloyd Thomp	334	...	5.6	2.1	34.6
368	274	Londn & Man	353	+5	14.2	5.0	26.0
429	321	Lowndes Lmb	429	+3	13.5	4.0	15.1
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	6075	+100	...	3.0	..
97	76	Oriel	94	...	...	2.0	..
68	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	330	+2	...	4.5	21.9
1138	800	Refuge	958	+3	31.5	4.1	28.5
347	248	Royal	344	+1	...	2.4	..
208	153	Sedgwick	205	-2	6.0	3.7	24.7
261	205	Steel Burrill	253	+3	...	6.5	14.9
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.4
399	307	Sun Alliance	397	+7	14.2	4.5	..
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
321	239	Transatlantic	321	...	12.0	4.7	29.8
773	499	Utd Friendly	630	-4	14.5	2.9	27.5
240	171	Willis Corroon	238	-2	...	3.5	51.1
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1772	1548	Alliance	1772	+7	45.0	3.2	38.8
264	226½	Amer Trust	262	...	4.9	2.3	54.4
389	304	Ang & O'seas	389	+1	6.8	2.2	49.2
139½	124	BZW Conv	137½	+2½	7.8	7.1	16.1
176½	133½	Bankers	176½	+1½	3.4	2.4	48.5
303	264	Baring Tribne	303 †	+4	6.4	2.7	47.9
186	131	Berry Starq	186	+3	2.2	1.5	80.5
107	96½	Br Assets	107	+1	...	5.0	26.2
79½	57½	Br Empire Sec	79½	+1½	0.8	1.4	..
28½	14	-do- Wnts	28½	+1½	...	...	...
184	156	Br Inv	184	+3	4.5	3.1	41.5
177	130	Contl Asset	177	...	2.4	1.7	58.9
195	143	Derby Inc	144 †	...	...	12.4	8.7
275	195	-do- Cap	275	+2	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	73	+1	8.4	14.4	8.1
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	75	+1	1.2	2.0	..
132	84	-do- Far East	131½	+2½	0.6	0.6	..
122	95	-do- Korea	115	...	0.5	0.6	..
637	576	Dunedin Inc G	637	+9	23.4	5.0	29.3
98	94	-do- Japan	97	...	...	...	...
52	38	-do- Warrants	52	+1	...	...	...
672	513	-do- Wwde	672	+9	9.5	1.8	69.2
283	222	Dundee & Lon	283	+6	...	4.0	26.1
282	250½	Edinburgh	282	+3	8.4	3.6	31.9
273	183	Electra Inv	273	+3	6.7	3.1	37.2
180	141	Electric Gen	180	+1	3.1	2.2	∞
111	85	English Scot	111	...	...	...	...
288	205	European Assets	288 †	+2	...	2.4	37.4
120	77	Finsbury 'A'	120	+4	3.0	3.1	38.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	288	...	0.7	0.3	..
216	190½	-do- Claver	216	+4	...	3.1	42.6
304	212	Do Contl	304	+3	2.7	1.1	..
197	147	-do- Emp	197	+3	4.7	3.0	∞
315	213	-do- F East	315	+9	1.1	0.4	..
306	246	-do- Fledg	305	+3	3.0	1.2	..
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	102	+2½	...	5.4	17.4
250	136	-do- Japan	250	+6	0.3	0.2	..
280	230	-do- Merc	280	+6	6.7	3.0	59.9
278	212	-do- Oseas	278	+3	4.0	1.8	66.4
255	203	Foreign & Col	255	+4½	3.3	1.6	68.4
211	164	-do- Eurotst	209	+1	1.2	0.7	..
112	87	-do- German	112	+1	0.5	0.6	..
299	191	-do- Pacific	299	+3	1.9	0.8	..
155	116	-do- Smaller	155	+½	1.8	1.5	78.4
259	145	GT Japan	259	+6	...	0.6	..
143	65	Genl Cons Cap	143	...	...	...	...
123½	98½	-do- Inc	118	+1	...	9.3	11.8
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	144	+5	...	...	...
302	184	-do- Oriental	302	+5	0.9	0.4	..
220	207	-do- Strategy	220	+4	...	3.1	37.3
386	340	Greenfriar	386 †	+1	...	2.1	58.0
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	52¼	...	0.6	1.4	∞
137½	124	Inv Cap	137½	+2½	5.1	4.6	27.6
95	77	IRS UK Smlr	95	+1	2.8	3.7	26.5
195	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	195	+2	5.0	3.2	38.0
227	176	-do- O'seas	227	+2	3.3	1.8	64.1
127	108	-do- Smlr	134	+1	4.0	4.0	30.1
660	540	Law Debenture	660	+2	18.2	3.5	32.7
190	164	Majedie	189	...	...	3.1	38.6
269	221	Merchants	269	+5	10.6	4.9	25.0
6012½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6000 †	-12½	...	...	...
469	303	Monks Inv Tst	469	-4	...	1.8	59.4
130	105	Morg Gren Inc	130	-1	...	4.4	25.8
46	23	Do Warrants	46	+2	...	...	...
52	39	Murray Euro	52	+1	0.1	0.4	..
16½	4½	Do Wts	16½	...	...	...	...
338	282	Murray Income	337	+1	...	4.0	32.1
321	265	-do- Ind	321	+4	11.4	4.4	28.9
360	265	-do- Small	360 †	+6	4.2	1.5	∞
103	93	-do- S/C Inc	93 †	...	...	14.2	9.1
128	73	-do- S/C Cap	128	+4	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Us	2950 †	...	...	4.5	..
152	142½	-do- S/C DP	152	...	...	...	...
293	230	-do- Vent	293	+4	...	4.4	23.1
86	56½	New Frontier	85	...	0.2	0.4	..
85	68	Nthrop Inc	78	+1	6.7	10.8	14.6
328	249	O'seas Inv Tst	328	-1	2.8	1.1	..
402	285	Pacific Assets	400	+2	1.1	0.3	..
305	187	Do Warrants	304	+1	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8300	...	...	2.4	49.6
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	154	+1	1.1	0.9	..
125	108	River & Merc	125	+1	9.2	9.4	12.2
403	350	Robeco	403	...	...	3.1	..
403	346	Rolinco	403	...	...	1.9	..
275	214	St Andrew Inv	275	+4	7.5	3.4	36.8
153	131	Scot American	153	+1½	...	3.8	32.1
215	136	Scot Asian	215	+3	...	...	...
485	225	do Warrants	485	+2	...	...	...
77½	63½	-do- Eastern	77½	+½	1.5	2.5	50.0
217	183	Scottish	217	+3	4.6	2.7	45.0
213	178	-do- Mige	213	+3	4.0	2.3	55.3
90½	71	-do- Value	90	+½	...	2.5	64.1
1568	1390	Second Alnce	1568	-10	36.5	2.9	42.1
89	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	86	+½	3.2	4.7	28.4
149	109½	Selective Asset	149	...	1.2	1.0	53.6
31	14	Sphere Inv	31	+1	3.1	12.8	9.8
156	112	TR Far East	156	+3	4.5	3.6	34.0
149	126	TR City Of Lon	149	+1	4.8	4.1	∞
159½	110	TR Pacific	159½	+3½	0.3	0.3	..
31½	17	TR Property	31½	+1½	0.9	3.6	33.0
81	47	TR Tech Inv	81	+2	1.7	2.7	30.1
169	146	TR Smlr Cos	169 †	+2	3.8	2.5	..
343	283	Temple Bar	343	+4	13.2	4.9	25.5
95	69	Thmtn Asian E	95	+3	0.5	0.7	..
73½	54	Throgmorton	73½	+2	2.3	3.9	30.0
540	363	Thmg Dual Cp	535	...	...	...	...
218	178	USDC Invest	218	+1	4.5	2.6	40.1
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	107½	-½	3.6	4.2	27.0
653	542	Whitbread Inv	653	-14	16.5	3.2	39.3
210	181	Witan	210 †	+1½	5.6	3.3	36.8

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	289	Airtours	369	-6	7.2	2.5	13.1
64	42	Ald Leis	62	...	4.7	...	17.8
357	194	Anglia TV	333	...	...	3.5	15.4
103	63	Baldwin	74	...	3.0	5.1	10.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	231	+2	10.0	5.4	14.9
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	136	-1	...	3.1	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	8	+1½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
202	110	Campari	138	-1	...	10.9	..
203	171	Capital Radio	203	...	5.2	3.3	23.4
818	718	Carlton Comm	792	+20	17.0	2.7	23.4
200	158	Castle Comm	175	...	...	0.1	16.0
2080	1615	Central TV	1903	-5	38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	68	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	541	+6	...	3.0	16.2
250	175	Eurocamp	226	+1	9.7	5.4	9.3
1180	623	Euro Disney	705	-22	...	1.6	..
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	34½	+1½	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	265	...	10.5	5.0	..
378	314	First Leisure	335	...	6.1	2.3	23.0
515	298	GWR Gp	505	...	...	1.7	28.0
239	149	Grampian	228	...	6.1	3.3	15.8
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	53	...	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	45	...	...	...	23.5
12½	5½	Kunick	11	...	...	5.6	..
490	262	LWT CP	468	-4	...	1.3	21.6
475	327	Man Utd	457	+10	18.0	4.9	15.7
148	59	Owners Abrd	79	+2	3.5	5.6	6.2
66	33	The Pelican Gp	66 †	...	...	2.1	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure	135	...	...	3.0	∞
30	16	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
318	274	Radio Clyde	295	...	...	3.6	23.1
178	132	Ramsdens (H)	174 †	+1	...	3.2	23.1
553	431	Scot TV	523	+3	9.9	2.4	25.7
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
250	168	Stanley Leisure	243	-6	4.3	2.2	∞
10	5½	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	100	...	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
481	274	Ulster TV	475	...	10.0	2.6	14.8
101	62	Vardon	97	...	0.7	1.0	22.9
22	11	Wembley	14½	...	0.2	1.7	..
38	7½	Whitegate	36	...	...	...	...
215	110	Yorkshire TV	199	+1	12.0	7.5	6.0
120	83	Zetters Gp	120	...	8.0	8.6	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4887½	-96½	...	4.3	23.5
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1462½	+62½	...	6.3	7.3
2300	1125	Ang Am	2150	...	...	3.3	17.7
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	28	...	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	125	-3	...	4.9	6.9
46	18	Bracken	29	...	...	...	1.5
871	233	Buffels	668	-32	...	9.8	∞
2½	1	Butte	2	...	...	...	...
687	546	CRA	687	+23	...	3.0	22.1
43½	11	Cluff Res	32	-2½	...	...	...
1300	762½	De Beers	1300	+62½	...	3.7	17.5
165	37½	Deelkraal	125	...	...	1.6	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	57	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	757	-10	...	4.0	∞
709	120	Durban	575	+2	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	131	-9	...	8.9	3.6
270	54	E Rand Prop	212	-7	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	453	+2	...	2.7	10.5
899	292	FS Cons	757	-14	...	6.7	9.0
80	8	FS Dev	60	...	...	...	...
1675	735	GFSA	1481	-38	...	2.7	23.3
180	125	Gencor	159	+3	...	6.2	12.3
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	53½	+½	...	2.6	13.1
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	122	-16	...	8.5	7.2
360	78	Harmony	305	+2	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	338	+1	...	5.8	∞
14	8½	Inoco	12½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	828	...	...	...	18.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	0.8
1080	332	Kinross	905	-22	...	5.6	9.9
913	319	Kloof	698	-19	...	3.2	∞
137	25	Leslie	110	-3	...	3.8	11.0
219	13	Loraine	176	-6	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	840	...	...	...	34.1
116½	81½	MIM	109½	+4	...	2.1	30.0
1265	820	Minorco	1134	-13	...	3.5	12.6
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	133	+1	...	3.7	30.5
2287½	610	Orange Free	1950	-34½	...	6.7	14.9
709	607	RTZ	685	+7	...	3.8	25.7
673½	425	Rand Mines	605½	...	...	9.7	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	563	-2	...	5.3	∞
192	115	Renison	176	...	...	2.6	17.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1025	...	...	3.3	∞
595	191	St Helena	499	-28	...	4.9	10.0
2168	475	Southvaal	1853	-27	...	3.1	32.0
109	18	Stilfontein	98	-6	...	6.4	17.1
201	58	Unisel	110	-10	...	2.8	10.6
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5262½	-62½	...	4.2	9.0
582	154	Welkom	503	-11	...	6.7	14.9
351	26	Western Areas	274	+1	...	2.6	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2150	-62½	...	2.9	9.9
285	176	Wstrn Mining	275	+5	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	914	+20	...	1.1	7.5
84	56	Zambia Copper	61	+1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	...	...	4.9	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	125	...	3.0	3.0	12.0
143	82	Appleyard	143	+2	5.2	4.5	..
295	203	Blenchley Mtr	295	+5	...	3.7	15.1
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
464	165	Br Aerospace	464	+10	7.0	1.9	..
52	19½	Burndene	48 †	...	...	3.1	12.8
343	303	Caffyns	343	...	11.5	4.2	69.4
11	4½	Caverdale	10½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	133	...	...	3.8	33.6
29	18	Cook (DC)	27	...	...	2.8	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	261	+3	6.2	3.0	19.7
125	86	Dag Motors	117	-1	5.7	6.1	21.2
144	102½	Davnport Vern	144	+2	...	3.5	18.2
285	152	ERF	285	...	2.0	0.9	..
131	92	European Mtr	129 †	...	...	3.4	18.1
345	208	Evans Halshaw	345	+4	11.2	4.1	53.2
290	226	FR Group	264	+3	...	3.4	12.3
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3562½	+50	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3287½	-6½	...	1.5	..
65	38	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	..
197	85	Henlys	197	+4	3.0	1.9	..
906	650	Honda Motor	906	+32	...	0.6	..
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	..
166	97	Kwik-Fit	163	-2	...	2.6	29.1
412	281	Lex Service	410	+3	...	3.3	22.2
159	85	Lookers	158	...	6.2	5.0	..
155	126	Lucas	155	+2	7.0	5.6	..
27	21	Malaya Grp	23	...	...	...	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	265	...	...	3.2	21.4
195	106	Perry Gp	195	+2	6.0	3.8	..
177	108	Quicks Group	177	+1	...	3.2	22.6
153	99	Rolls-Royce	150	+2	...	4.2	..
217½	164	T & N	217	+2	...	6.3	34.8
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	192	+1	...	3.6	∞
157	125	Vardy (Reg)	157	...	4.2	3.3	∞
235	121	Westland	219	-2	4.2	2.4	19.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	143	...	4.0	3.5	15.2
340	315	Black (A&C)	340	+2	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	458	-5	...	2.5	17.1
370	275	Bristol	340	...	...	4.3	30.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9500	+50	13.0	1.7	21.4
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9450	+50	13.0	1.7	21.3
305	251	Dorling Kind	286	...	...	1.3	27.3
373	322	EMAP	348	-2	...	2.8	21.5
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1055	...	29.5	3.5	23.8
237	170	Harrington K	207	...	4.5	2.7	16.0
383	233	Haynes Pub	383	...	6.0	2.0	16.5
355	343	Hodder H'line	347	+3	5.0	1.6	29.5
140	99	Home Counts	139	...	6.0	5.4	..
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	132	-2	...	...	19.1
9	6½	Intl Cm & Data	7½	-½	...	...	...
375	340	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	18.4
551	395	Johnston Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
302	243	Metal Bulletin	302	+6	8.0	3.3	21.1
167	68	Mirror Gp	159	+1	...	...	...
420	297	News Corp	420	+6	...	0.3	28.3
255	169	News Intl	254	-1	...	0.5	17.6
490	354	Pearson	488	+9	...	3.1	29.7
675	510	Portsmth Sund	624	...	...	1.9	17.2
686	618	Reed Int	670	+7	...	3.2	28.6
148	98	Southnews	142	...	...	1.8	26.3
162	90	Sterling Pub	160	...	...	2.4	17.4
401	328	Telegraph	381	...	...	3.6	16.0
825	715	Thomson Corp	805	+20	25.4	4.0	∞
378	313	Trinity Intl	371	...	8.7	2.9	22.2
39	34	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspapers	558	+2	...	4.8	16.5

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	17	Aran Energy	29½	...	...	...	38.5
61	37	Arcon Intl	39	...	...	...	...
69½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	64½	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	73	+1	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12½	...	...	...	...
194	145	Br Borneo	194	+2	7.1	4.6	5.0
329	276	British Gas	328	+13½	14.2	5.4	15.9
326	225	Br Petroleum	305½	-3½	10.5	4.3	23.8
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
759	675	Burmah Castl	759	+9	...	4.2	17.7
65	32	Cairn Energy	55	...	...	...	7.9
268	223	Calor Gp	256	...	...	5.9	21.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49½	+½	...	...	...
44	27	Conlex Res	42	+1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	19	+½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	437	-2	16.0	4.6	53.9
88	35	Exp Co Louis	38	-5	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	25	...	...	2.3	8.9
67	45	Goal Pet	56	...	1.4	3.1	10.7
44	18	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
163½	104½	Hardy O & G	146	...	...	0.9	13.6
48	18½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	133	LASMO	135	-1	3.3	3.1	27.4
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	..
24	10	Mid Scot Res	13	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	43	+½	...	...	69.3
9½	4	New London	6	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	27	Oil Search	31	+1	...	...	...
15	11½	Pentex	15	...	...	...	...
12½	99	Pict Pet	121	-1	...	...	16.8
29½	18	Premier	25½	+½	...	...	8.7
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.3	..
393	290	Ranger	335	+25	...	4.8	..
6462½	5150	Royal Dtch P	6462½	+34½	...	4.7	16.1
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4162½	+37½	...	1.9	..
65	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
652	515	Shell	652	+9	21.0	4.2	20.1
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
13½	6½	Villiers Grp	12	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	158	+6	...	2.3	..

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	126	...	...	5.1	11.6
331	249	API	303	...	7.5	3.1	26.4
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	202	+2	...	4.0	19.9
519	408	Abbott Mead	319	...	9.3	2.2	26.0
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	35	+1	...	4.9	..
212	118	Aspen Comms	144	...	...	4.3	12.9
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
383	234½	Bemrose	383	+1	...	3.8	15.7
33	12	Birkdale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
138	118	Bunzl	134	-1	4.0	3.7	30.2
297	257	CIA Gp	297	...	...	1.5	18.7
222	93	Capital Inds	218	...	...	1.8	20.6
79	44	City of Lon	68	...	...	7.1	12.5
236	169	Cropper Ernest	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckging	90	...	1.6	2.3	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104	-1	4.5	5.4	25.7
74	42	Dudley Jenkins	73	...	...	5.5	16.1
15½	11½	Elswick	11½	...	...	3.2	19.0
73	41	Fairway Group	66	...	3.1	6.1	19.1
323	271	Ferguson Intl	318	...	...	4.9	14.4
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
124	74	Filofax	121	...	...	1.3	15.5
20	14	Fitch	19½	...	...	...	...
117	69	Gibbon Lyons	117	+4	...	5.3	13.2
295	247	Gold Greenless	287	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	30	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	..
88	35	Hunterprint	54	...	...	...	...
155	136	Intereurope	160	-5	7.4	5.9	10.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	251	+3	...	2.3	..
32	15½	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
300	175	More O'Ferrall	300	+2	13.2	5.5	35.0
108	48	NMC Group	107½	+½	2.0	2.4	16.4
130	66	Osborne & Little	128	...	...	4.5	14.1
517	455	Portals	485	...	...	3.7	16.6
266	167	Quarto	252	-3	5.3	2.6	13.9
347	297	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
185½	142½	Saatchi	162	-6	...	...	...
474	333	Sappl	380	...	...	9.7	7.3
20	11½	Serif	18½	...	...	...	...
37½	14	Shandwick	28	+1	...	...	...
394	294	Smith David	389 †	+3	10.0	3.2	∞
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	248	-3	...	2.9	16.8
68	45	Somic	68	...	1.5	2.8	27.9
246	183	Sca-Pins	229	...	8.0	4.4	30.4
29½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	0.3	1.5	21.4
68	38	VTR	67	...	...	6.3	19.1
93	40	WPP	89	...	...	1.4	3.3
156	62	Wace	140	...	...	2.0	..
250	203	Waddington (J)	250	+5	...	3.9	18.7
723	540	Warmough	713	...	11.5	2.0	25.0
7	4½	Westport	5½	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck	25	-1	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	78	+4	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
93	41	Allied Lon	93	+4	3.5	4.7	..
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
97	52	Asda	97	...	...	2.7	10.2
139	88	Avonside	134	...	4.0	3.7	18.7
2637½	2062½	BCE	2325	...	...	...	...
606	396	Bilton	606	+4	18.9	3.9	21.9
76	23	Bourne End	76	...	1.0	1.6	..
219	150	Bradford	215	-1	5.4	3.1	21.8
15	5	Bredero	12½	+1½	...	...	...
368	166½	Br Land	366	+8	...	2.4	33.3
239	140½	Brixton	239	+4	...	4.4	18.9
72½	42	Burford	71	...	...	2.0	..
160	99	Cap & Regnl	160	+2	...	0.9	..
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185 †	...	2.4	1.6	..
401	196	Chesterfield	401	+1	11.0	3.4	28.7
35	12	City Site Ests	33	...	1.4	...	..
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
50	34	Conrad Ritblat GS	46	...	...	1.4	..
1183	818	Daejan	1180	...	27.0	2.9	∞
2½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twsn	83	+1	...	4.5	16.2
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.0	..
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	478	...	8.6	2.2	59.6
49½	10	Development Sec	39	...	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	52	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	18	...	...	...	...
211	132	Evans Of Leeds	211	+2	...	2.7	18.6
30	11	Five Oaks	29½	...	...	...	...
61	30	Fletcher King	61	...	1.0	2.0	40.4
437	276½	Frogmore	437	+6	...	4.3	25.4
200	97	Grainger	190	+2	5.2	3.5	42.5
207	116½	Gr Portland	205	+5	...	6.1	19.6
26½	7½	Greycoat	19	...	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	143	+1	...	4.6	19.5
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	69	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	379	+11	10.0	3.3	38.3
663	245	-do- 'A'	349	+11	10.0	3.6	35.3
251	127	Helical Bar	251	...	...	2.4	9.0
31	19	Hemingway	29	-1	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	64	...	3.7	7.3	16.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
661	435	Land Sec	660	+15	22.8	4.3	19.9
102	73	Lon Merch Sec	102 †	+2	4.0	4.9	∞
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	4	...	...	...	...
495	315½	MEPC	493	+15	...	5.1	21.2
9	5	McInerney A	9 #	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	130	...	3.5	3.5	∞
7½	3	Markheath	5½	-½	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	42	-3	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1250	...	20.0	2.0	12.4
151	112	Mucklow (A&J)	151	+4	5.9	4.9	21.2
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	1.5	5.1	..
10½	3½	Osprey Est	9½	-½	0.1	...	1.5
135	88	PSIT	135	+5	4.1	3.9	26.2
270	138	Peel	270	+5	4.0	1.9	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.8
48	22	Property Trust	38	...	...	...	...
75	43½	Raglan	44	-1	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	20	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	36 †	...	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	57 †	...	...	2.2	22.6
85	35	Scot Met	85	+3	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	99	-1	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	9½	...	...	...	5.0
240	139½	Slough Estates	238	+8	...	4.3	16.6
82	56	Southend Prop	65 †	+5	4.2	8.2	∞
28	16	Stanhope Prps	21	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	175	...	2.1	1.5	61.8
123	79	Town Centre	123	...	3.1	3.2	23.0
83	43	Trafford Park	78	...	2.5	4.1	21.0
66	3	UK Land	9	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
246	180	Warner	246	+1	10.5	5.3	22.5
202	168	Warnford	188	...	7.5	5.1	13.4
8	2½	Waterglade	3½	+½	...	...	...
78	35	Wates	77 †	...	...	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	+1	0.7	1.3	..

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	15	...	...	...	...
153½	84	Headlam	146 †	...	...	2.2	33.0
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	53	...	2.0	4.7	15.1
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	183	-3	...	2.1	68.9
62	53	UK Safety	61	...	...	23.8	2.0

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	491	...	12.6	3.2	15.6
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	32	...	...	...	16.3
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Charnwell	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	331	...	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	564	+3	13.6	3.0	15.4
57½	24½	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
249½	205	Dawson	222	+3	...	5.1	16.9
36	22	Drummond	36	+1	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	28 #	...	...	...	...
81	65	Foupel	81	...	...	7.0	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	..
198	156	Hicking Pnuce	193	...	...	2.6	15.0
59	45	Jerome (S)	55	...	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	325	...	12.0	4.6	21.5
506	353½	Leeds	483	+1	...	1.9	23.3
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	..
122	78	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	157	...	1.4	1.1	..
158	69	Parkland 'A'	155	+2	2.0	1.6	..
102½	82	Readicut	95	+1	...	4.5	17.9
53	35	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	69	...	1.8	3.4	16.6
51	37	Stoddard	44	...	...	4.3	40.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	..
206½	126	Yorklyde	182	...	...	3.6	11.9

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	465 †	+7	...	5.0	13.9
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	662	-4	11.5	2.2	13.1

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
462	349	Assoc Br Ports	462	+9	...	2.3	..
813	707	BAA	803	+6	...	2.5	19.9
359½	249	Br Airways	355½	+5½	...	3.7	19.6
106	56	Clarkson (H)	93	+1	1.5	7.0	..
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	468	-12	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	157	...	...	0.8	∞
200	147	IoM Steam	198	...	...	5.1	10.4
34	28	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	..
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	...	1.6	15.4
2800	1262½	Mnchstr Sh	2775	...	4.5	0.2	15.1
384	280	Mersey Docks	383	+1	7.5	2.4	24.5
245	181	Natl Express	244	...	...	3.6	17.5
284	230	NFC	256 †	+2	6.5	3.2	19.4
320	244	Ocean Group	316	...	...	5.7	26.3
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
676	504	P & O Dfd	674	+7	...	5.7	36.6
154	127	P & O 5 1/2%	154	+1	...	4.5	..
558	448	Powell Duffryn	545	+4	...	5.2	21.1
141	117	Seacon	138	...	...	4.6	8.7
141	112	Stagecoach	136	...	...	3.5	∞
43	24	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	55	+2½	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	758	-7	11.8	1.9	29.1
382	173	Tiphook	244 †	+2	19.3	9.9	..
298	227	TDG	266	...	...	4.5	8.8

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
563	455	Anglian Water	486	+3	...	5.4	9.9
652	547	Northumbrian	600	-1	...	4.7	6.2
533	431½	North West	485	+2	...	5.5	8.7
533	439	Severn Trent	498	+3	...	5.3	8.0
554	454	Sthrn Water	521	+2	...	5.1	8.7
1505	1225	Sth Staffs	1505	...	47.0	3.9	10.7
569	465	South West	515	-3	...	5.8	8.5
563	454	Thames Water	499	+1	...	5.3	9.8
612	506	Welsh Water	584	+5	...	5.0	5.9
649	536	Wessex Water	590	+4	...	4.6	8.9
593	473½	Yorkshire W	504	+1	...	5.3	8.6

Source: Finstat

♠ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100¼	99[illegible]	Fund 6% 1993	100 †	...	6.00	6.00
106[illegible]	101¼	Treas 13¼% 1993	102[illegible]	...	13.46	5.62
102[illegible]	101¼	Treas 8¼% 1994	101½	...	8.38	5.41
109¼	104[illegible]	Treas 14½% 1994	104[illegible]	...	13.81	5.42
109[illegible]	105¼	Exch 13½% 1994	105½	...	12.80	5.39
105[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 10% 1994	103[illegible]	...	9.65	5.39
110[illegible]	107[illegible]	Exch 12½% 1994	107[illegible] †	...	11.68	5.35
105[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	104[illegible]	...	8.63	5.36
111[illegible]	108½	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.01	5.42
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.09	4.83
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.45	5.53
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114½	+½	11.11	5.64
120½	117[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	118½	+½	11.83	5.79
125½	121[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	122[illegible]	+½	12.40	5.96
120[illegible]	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.20	5.91
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.97	6.03
122[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	121[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.91	6.19
113½	110[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	113[illegible] †	+[illegible]	9.25	6.17
108[illegible]	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.03	6.20
132[illegible]	127[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	130½	+[illegible]	11.46	6.40
112[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.65	6.38
103½	99[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	103½	+[illegible]	6.98	6.26
101½	97[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101½	+[illegible]	6.67	6.45
129½	125[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	129[illegible]	+½	10.85	6.76

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138[illegible]	133[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	138[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.22	6.59
123½	116½	Exch 12% 1998	123½	+[illegible]	9.75	6.70
113[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.38	6.53
125[illegible]	120[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	125[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.79	6.77
118[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.88	6.64
118	112[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	118	+½	8.69	6.68
112[illegible]	106	Conv 9% 2000	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.00	6.63
132[illegible]	125½	Treas 13% 2000	132[illegible]	+½	9.80	6.97
117[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	117[illegible]	+½	8.48	6.90
118	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	118 †	+[illegible]	8.26	7.02
107[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	107[illegible]	+1	7.42	6.88
120½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	120½ †	+1[illegible]	8.27	7.07
124[illegible]	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.21	7.19
79[illegible]	67[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79[illegible]	+1[illegible]	4.38	6.05
117[illegible]	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	117[illegible]	+1	8.10	7.21
117[illegible]	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	117[illegible]	+1	8.08	7.23
135[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.20	7.43
106[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	106[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.54	7.31
129[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.10	7.39
110[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	110[illegible]	+1½	7.70	7.29
143[illegible]	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.39	7.46

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115[illegible]	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	115[illegible]	+1¼	7.82	7.32
106½	92[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	106½	+1¼	7.54	7.34
116[illegible]	100½	Conv 9% 2011	116	+1[illegible]	7.76	7.37
116[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	116[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.73	7.37
84[illegible]	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84[illegible] †	+1¼	6.53	7.01
104½	86½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104½	+1½	7.42	7.34
106½	92[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	106½	+1[illegible]	7.52	7.38
145½	125[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	145[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.24	7.56
115½	97[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	115¼ †	+1½	7.60	7.39

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
46½	39½	War Ln 3½%	46½	+1½	7.47	...
33[illegible]	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	33[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.47	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134½	+½	..	1.29
199[illegible]	194[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	198[illegible] †	+½	1.87	2.67
109½	105½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109½	+[illegible]	2.25	2.85
168½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.76	3.11
164[illegible]	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164½	-[illegible]	2.90	3.18
112[illegible]	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.95	3.22
172[illegible]	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	172[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.98	3.30
157½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157½	+[illegible]	3.11	3.30
163[illegible]	148[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163[illegible] †	+[illegible]	3.14	3.32
139½	125[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.16	3.31
145[illegible]	130[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.21	3.33
141½	124[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141½	+[illegible]	3.22	3.34
118[illegible]	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.22	3.34
118[illegible]	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.23	3.35

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ACCOUNTANCY

Contingency fees can pose threat to objective judgment

BY STEPHEN BRUCK

IN RECENT years, accountants have mounted an increasing effort to break into areas of corporate finance business previously dominated by merchant bankers and stockbrokers. To compete, they have had to adopt the ways of that market. That has helped make them successful, but because of their special traditions of independence, the price to the profession may be high.

The most dangerous area is probably charging contingency fees. Merchant banks, stockbrokers and general financial advisers have long worked on a contingency basis. This often merely recognises the reality that they are paid only if they are successful, the deal is delivered and the capacity to pay thus exists. The danger, notably for clients who are investors or purchasers, is that the deal might be encouraged at any price. This is a particularly tricky issue for accountants.

As a general principle, the ICAEW's ethical guidelines insist: "Fees should not be charged on a percentage, contingency or similar basis in respect of audit work or reporting assignments incorporating professional opinions. Even for other work, such methods of charging may be perceived as a threat to objectivity, and should therefore only be adopted after careful consideration."

The fathers of the profession have, however, recognised the need of aspiring firms to move with the times on fees. The guidelines also say: "In some circumstances, such as advising on a management buyout, fees cannot realistically be charged save on a contingency basis: to require otherwise would in certain cases deprive potential clients of professional assistance."

Big deals: management buyouts, inspired by the record-breaker led by Derek Hunt at MFI, have attracted ambitious accountancy firms seeking corporate finance work

In the past, accountants charged fees on a time basis, come what may. In the current competitive climate, they must strive to meet clients' needs more closely than ever. Often clients want contingency fees.

Ever greater use is being required of the exception in the ethical guidelines, even when the accountant is discharging primarily an investigative or reporting function. In other cases, de facto contingency arrangements are obscured by legal form. If a commitment to pay a defined fee is made by a shell company existing only for the purpose of a deal, the fee becomes theoretical if the deal does not go through and all parties know it — even on investigative and reporting assignments.

Well known venture capital organisations trying to tie up even big buyouts are known to ask accountants to include a material contingency element when they tender for the investigation work. That brings pressures as well as risks. Such an investigation includes confirming that management projections, and by implication the quality of management, are reasonable — judgments that have a significant subjective element.

The main factor that could upset the buyout deal may well be whether the investigating accountants uncover significant causes for concern — in which case fees would be significantly reduced. And practical experience shows that if one firm declines to quote on a contingency basis, for instance because it has doubts about management from the outset, other big league firms will be prepared to do so to get the job.

Why does this matter? The straight answer might be that we are all human. Chartered accountants are generally ethical and professional and would not willingly sacrifice their integrity for personal gain. Nevertheless, conflicts of interest can have an insidious and unconscious effect on perception and behaviour. It cannot be healthy to introduce material inducements for accountants not to do their job.

When all the principals want a deal to happen and your report includes subjective judgment, it is all too easy to be persuaded to modify that judgment, even without the conflict of interest introduced by a contingency fee.

When you have so much to lose by being challenging, it is all the more likely that the report will blow with the prevailing wind, carefully covering the accountant against legal claims without truly changing the reader's perception. Different ways of saying the same thing can give a variety of impressions and it is so very easy to believe what you want to believe, particularly when moving away from the practised formalities of pure audit.

At a time when the role of the accountant is being closely examined, it is worth asking whether the wider commercialisation of the profession and the widespread acceptance of contingency fees are in the best long-term interests not just of the profession, but of clients who need informed, objective advice.

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Are professional bodies police or trade unions?

RAPID change always brings inherent dilemmas into sharper focus. In the past, the accountancy profession, as a body, could always argue to its critics that it could be trusted because it was there primarily in the public interest: to maintain standards of financial probity throughout the corporate nation and to ensure that its members were well trained, well qualified and not likely to run off with the petty cash.

But pressure from successive governments that were themselves under pressure to "do something" about a perceived rising tide of financial scandals led to the profession's institutions accepting a much more active role in regulating their own members.

In the past, the professional body had always waited for a complaint before taking any investigatory action. Now the profession, and most notably the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, has a burgeoning bureaucracy of inspectorates, monitoring units and disciplinary schemes.

All of this is leading in one direction. Instead of waiting for evidence that members have transgressed its code of conduct, the profession must now actively seek out, monitor and regulate its members. And they don't like it. The result is that the rationale for a professional body like the English ICA is itself under great pressure.

The dilemma of whether a professional body can manage to be its members' mentor, representative and friend, and at the same time be the chief policeman of their activities, seems to be an intractable one — as some unsympathetic outside critics such as Labour MP Austin Mitchell have claimed.

ROBERT BRUCE

The English ICA insists that it has sorted out the dilemma. When this year's incoming president, Michael Chamberlain, gave his inaugural speech to council at the beginning of June, he said: "Council has indicated overwhelmingly that the conceptual debate about the public interest and members' interests is behind us. We are agreed that the reputation of our profession has been achieved by putting the client, the public, before ourselves." Chamberlain then reiterated this point in an interview on TEN's Accountants' Education Channel this week.

The trouble is that the issue has not been settled, as a dramatic intervention at last week's institute council meeting showed. The meeting was discussing an issue that had been forced into the public arena by the growth of the regulatory side of the profession. The problem is that, historically, the part of the secretariat that dealt with ethical guidance has been part of the professional conduct directorate, which carries out the main disciplinary functions of the institute. Both sides complement each other and informal advice has always flowed in both directions.

But part of that informal exchange of information was formal. If people on the ethics side realise that a case that they are dealing with should be investigated formally, they are duty-bound to pass the facts to the investigation committee. This, says the institute, happened "in only one or two cases each year". But the inexorable rise of the regulatory role of the institute has changed things for ever. According to the papers put to council last week, "over the last few months concerns have been expressed that the effectiveness of the institute's ethical advisory service is suffering because they are part of the professional conduct department". It is the old problem of people refusing to believe that Chinese walls exist.

"There is some anecdotal evidence," said the paper, "of members being deterred from contacting the ethical advisory services because of the fear that an enquiry to one side of the professional conduct department may lead to a complaint being laid by the other (investigation) side."

As a result, it was proposed that the ethical advisory services, which have worked increasingly effectively in recent times, should be reorganised as an independent department. There was much debate but eventually the measure was passed.

Some council members argued that this was not enough. Even when ethical guidance was operated as an independent department of the institute, ordinary members would still perceive it to be part of the whole rather than a separate entity. They might therefore still be deterred from coming forward for help.

Predictably, perhaps, it was left to Ian Hay Davison to raise the issue that everyone was hoping would not be raised. Davison, with a past career as senior partner of Arthur Andersen and senior posts over the years at everything from Lloyd's to his current chairmanship of *The Independent* newspaper, is regarded as both a maverick and as the best president that the institute has never had. His sense of timing at council meetings is legendary. And so it proved to be again last week. After the debate had almost run its course he rose, stuck his hands in his waistcoat pockets, and told the council that it had missed the point. That real issue was, he told them, "the inherent conflict which we continually refuse to face — are we a regulator or a trade union?". And with that he sat down with a broad smile on his face as presidents and secretariat shifted uncomfortably in their seats.

The man had obviously not read their press releases or listened to their speeches. Did he not realise that they had issued statements and made speeches that said the conflict had been resolved. And that therefore it had been? Obviously not.

Davison's timing was superb. By raising the point at the end of the debate he could leave it hanging over the institute as the council went off on its holidays. The leaders of the institute can pretend that the dilemma is resolved, but when the next council meeting takes place in early October the question will still be hanging in the air and will still be unanswered.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

That trendy world of chaos

AFTER a generation, the profession still seems obsessed by that old Monty Python sketch with an accountant as the most boring person in the world, dreaming of being a lion tamer until told it could be dangerous. New ICAEW brochures, promoting accountancy as a career to schoolchildren and undergraduates, see the first task as convincing them that "being an accountant is not a stuffy, boring career option". The kit even includes a poster, somewhere between psychedelia and a paisley shawl, with the slogan: "As colourful as your imagination ... chartered accountants aren't as predictable as you think". It is said to link chaos theory with chartered accountancy. The profession's more modern detractors can really identify with that.

Press gang

THERE are rumblings in the Price Waterhouse press office, where Simon Scott, its Maxwell expert on a six-month rolling contract for the past two years, has departed to seek new challenges. He is studying offers and trying to avoid household lists drawn up by his wife. Across the Thames at Blackfriars, Philip Smith is leaving KPMG's press office to join Focus Communications, a burgeoning consultancy run in part by Rupert Ashe, who trained as an accountant with Deloitte Haskins & Sells in the old days before deciding that there was more to life in public relations.

High and wide

Visitors to Manchester Airport might believe Ernst & Young's claim to have the widest perspective, judging by a new advertisement. The ad, boasting of the firm's worldwide presence, runs across several entrances, is 155ft long and 3ft deep and took three nights to stick into place, making what is claimed to be the UK's widest ad. I always feared they were wide boys ....

Woe! Last week's much-hyped liquidator's sale of Edina Ronay clothing proved more hype than hem. Those who trekked to London's Soho in hope of picking up gear on the cheap were confronted with a notice that the sale had been cancelled for legal reasons — not unconnected with the fact that Edina Ronay design operations continue regardless. Embarrassing for Cork Gully, liquidator to Edina Ronay Ltd, the manufacturer.

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ASDA Gp	4,100	Cadbury	921	MB Cardn	1,100	Scot Power	1,500
Abbey Natl	3,200	Carlton Cm	609	Marks Spr	4,300	Sears	14,000
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Coats Vyla	1,500	NFC	292	Svrn Trent	808
Anglian W	1,000	Cm Union	3,500	NatWst Bk	6,600	Shell Trans	3,400
Argyll Gp	2,200	Courtaulds	598	Nat Power	2,800	Siebe	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,000	De La Rue	337	Nth Wst W	1,200	SmKl Bch	1,100
AB Foods	312	Enterpr Oil	2,100	Nthrn Fds	1,700	Smith Nph	1,900
BAA	1,100	Forte	3,500	P & O	900	Std Chartd	1,300
BAT Inds	5,700	GRE	2,000	Pearson	3,000	Sun Allnce	1,000
BOC	3,500	GUS A	302	PowerGen	2,500	TI Gp	2,200
BP	12,000	Gen Acc	1,600	Prudential	4,800	TSB	1,200
BT	16,000	Gen Elec	2,800	RMC	818	Tate & Lyle	1,600
BTR	7,900	Glaxo	5,600	RTZ	2,200	Tesco	4,800
Bk of Scot	2,100	Granada	2,400	Rank Org	559	Thames W	2,200
Barclays	4,900	Grand Met	5,400	Reckitt Col	740	Thrn EMI	883
Bass	4,500	Guinness	2,600	Redland	1,500	Tomkins	4,800
Blue Circle	1,700	HSBC	3,500	Reed Intl	1,500	Unilever	1,900
Boots	6,900	Hanson	18,000	Rentokil	1,400	Utd Bisc	1,600
Bowater	3,100	ICI	1,300	Reuters	1,300	Vodafone	4,200
Brit Aero	1,100	Inchcape	2,300	Rothmans	1,400	Warburg (SG)	781
Brit Airwys	7,100	Kingfisher	1,400	Ryl Ins	2,600	Wellcome	2,300
Brit Gas	25,000	Ladbroke	7,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	3,300
Brit Steel	23,000	Land Secs	2,600	Sainsbury	1,500	Wlms Hld	3,000
Burmah Cast	149	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot Hydro	1,300	Wolseley	583
Cable Wire	4,200	Lloyds Bk	4,800	Scot & New	1,200	Zeneca	1,400

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Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 127.1 (+2.5)

Sydney: AO 1861.0 (+0.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1865.80 (+0.64)

FT 30 share: 2379.1 (+18.8)

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FT Govt Secs 101.93 (+0.88)
Bargains 37797
SEAQ Volume 830.4m
USM (Datastrm) 138.67 (+0.23)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 9	August 20	November 11	November 22

Calls on 11/8/93: Applied Holographics, Burton, Caird, Carlisle, Creston, Cons Murchison, Essex Furn, Glaxo, Goldsmiths, Hanson Wts, London Fin & Inv, Lucas Wts, Mirror Grp, Pentos, Premier Land, Shandwick, Singer & Friedlander, Tesco. Puts: Goldsmiths, Hanson Wts, Mirror Grp. Puts & Calls: Anglo Pacific, Shandwick.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2981.0	3023.0	2976.0	3019.0	11077
Previous open interest: 54055	Dec 93	3003.0	3038.5	3003.0	3039.0	208
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.21	94.27	94.19	94.27	19458
Previous open interest: 368210	Dec 93	94.68	94.77	94.68	94.75	13360
	Mar 94	94.74	94.82	94.74	94.80	6502
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.67	96.68	96.67	96.67	546
Previous open interest: 13797	Dec 93	96.29	96.29	96.26	96.23	215
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.49	93.55	93.48	93.53	27065
Previous open interest: 678602	Dec 93	94.06	94.10	94.05	94.09	27845
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-09	113-05	112-06	112-29	66155
Previous open interest: 91458	Dec 93	111-16	112-07	111-16	112-05	1228
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.88	112.00	111.88	111.97	589
	Dec 93	111.21	111.35	111.21	111.29	2057
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	97.38	97.60	97.36	97.42	80311
Previous open interest: 206980	Dec 93	97.57	97.69	97.52	97.56	2422
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.55	100.62	100.50	100.52	9390
Previous open interest: 23657	Dec 93				100.64	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.02	93.13	93.02	93.12	1695
Previous open interest: 32895	Dec 93	94.01	94.11	94.01	94.07	805
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.43	95.48	95.41	95.47	3290
Previous open interest: 53679	Dec 93	95.73	95.78	95.73	95.78	882
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	110.10	111.33	110.10	111.16	26944
Previous open interest: 59688	Dec 93	109.95	110.90	109.95	110.68	1364

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.8 (day's range 80.5-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8380-2.8459	2.8424-2.8459	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Brussels	53.68-53.95	53.75-53.95	12-32ds	26-64ds
Copenhagen	10.2120-10.2720	10.2350-10.2530	7½-10⅞ds	14¾-20½ds
Dublin	1.0780-1.0810	1.0783-1.0808	16-23ds	25-37ds
Frankfurt	2.5197-2.5321	2.5288-2.5321	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	258.20-260.30	258.50-260.30	125-138ds	320-414ds
Madrid	208.59-209.54	208.80-209.39	89-97ds	259-279ds
Milan	2375.50-2385.50	2378.00-2382.60	7-9ds	21-23ds
Montreal	1.9036-1.9149	1.9119-1.9148	0.38-0.30pr	0.69-0.58pr
New York	1.4705-1.4730	1.4720-1.4730	0.37-0.35pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.9410-10.9940	10.9410-10.9790	1-½pr	1-½pr
Paris	8.8460-8.8800	8.8460-8.8680	2⅞-3½ds	4¾-5¼ds
Stockholm	11.7660-11.8870	11.7990-11.8380	1¾-3⅜ds	5½-6½ds
Tokyo	152.56-152.98	152.72-152.98	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.71-17.77	17.73-17.77	¼-1¾ds	1-3¾ds
Zurich	2.2395-2.2523	2.2492-2.2523	¼-⅛pr	⅜-¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4695-1.4720
Australia dollar	2.1537-2.1568
Bahrain dinar	0.5495-0.5615
Brazil cruzeiro*	114.44-115.70
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland marka	8.557-8.693
Greece drachma	348.5-355.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.3995-11.4087
India rupee	45.85-46.81
Kuwait dinar KD	0.439-0.449
Malaysia ringgit	3.7536-3.7576
Mexico peso	4.52-4.62
New Zealand dollar	2.6760-2.6812
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4595-5.5855
Singapore dollar	2.3639-2.3670
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8471-6.9960
S Africa rand (com)	4.9726-4.9883
U A E dirham	5.3455-5.4695

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4624-1.4634
Austria	12.06-12.07
Belgium (Com)	36.50-36.59
Canada	1.2997-1.3002
Denmark	6.9625-6.9725
France	6.0210-6.0240
Germany	1.7150-1.7160
Hong Kong	7.7495-7.7505
Ireland	1.3625-1.3635
Italy	1616.85-1616.91
Japan	103.60-103.65
Malaysia	2.5517-2.5527
Netherlands	1.9308-1.9318
Norway	7.4580-7.4600
Portugal	176.00-176.20
Singapore	1.6070-1.6080
Spain	141.85-142.15
Sweden	8.0631-8.0731
Switzerland	1.5235-1.5245

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝ ; 3 mth 5½ . Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16 ; 3 mth: 5 7/16 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 13/16-5 11/16	5 11/16-5⅝	5 21/32-5½	5 19/32-5 15/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5 15/16	6-5¾	5¾-5 11/16	5⅝-5½	5 11/16-5 9/16
Interbank:	6-5 15/16	6-5¾	5¾-5 11/16	5⅝-5½	5 11/16-5 9/16

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5 .

Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5⅝	5 11/16	5⅝
Sterling CDs:	5 27/32-5 23/32	5¾-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.14-3.12	3.34-3.32	3.58-3.55
Building Society CDs:	5 13/16-5¾	5 13/16-5¾	5 23/32-5 21/32	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 30, 1993. Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993. Scheme III: 7.26%. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3¼-2⅞	3 3/16-2 15/16	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark:	6⅞-6¾	6 11/16-6 9/16	6⅜-6¼	6¼-6⅛	7¼-6¾
French Franc:	9½-9¼	9½-9¼	8-7½	6⅞-6⅝	10-9
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4¾	4 13/16-4 11/16	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	5-4
Yen:	3¼-3	3¼-3⅛	3 5/16-3 3/16	3¼-3	3¼-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $381.40-381.80 Close: $375.40-375.90 High: $382.10-382.60 Low: $374.00-374.50 Krugerrand: $375.00-377.00 (£253.00-255.00)

Sovereigns: Old $88.00-90.00 (£59.00-61.00) New $88.00-90.00 (£59.00-61.00)

Platinum: $392.25 (£266.10) Silver: $4.69 (£3.175) Palladium: $140.25 (£95.15)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	61	69	78½	5	13	17
(*600)	600	26½	36	48½	22	33	37½
Argyll	300	30	36	42	6½	13	15½
(*318½)	330	13	20½	27	22	28	30½
ASDA	60	–	8½	10½	–	5½	6
(*63)	70	–	4½	6½	–	12	12½
Boots	460	37	49	59½	7	14½	19½
(*488½)	500	15½	26½	36	25	33	38
Br Airways	360	22	31	39	18	26½	31½
(*355½)	390	9	18½	26	37½	45	49
BP	300	16	22½	27	11	16	19
(*304½)	330	3½	10½	14½	31	34	36½
Br Steel	110	12½	17	21	6	9½	11½
(*117½)	120	7	12½	16	11	14½	17
C & W	800	60½	75½	91	16	27½	33½
(*838½)	850	31	47½	64	38	50	56½
CU	650	–	37½	44	–	32½	45
(*660½)	700	6	17½	23½	63	66½	77
ICI	657	41	58	–	18½	27½	–
(*685)	681	28	40	–	30½	39	–
Kingfishr	632	38	–	–	18½	–	–
(*656½)	650	27	45	57½	27½	34½	39½
Land Sec	600	70	77	89	3½	9½	15½
(*661)	650	32½	44½	56	16	27	34
M & S	330	41	45½	52	4	7	9
(*364½)	360	18	26	33	11½	18	20
Nat West	460	43	54	58	6½	13	19½
(*494½)	500	17½	29½	35	24	30	39
Sainsbury	460	33½	44	54	12	19½	24½
(*475½)	500	13½	24½	34	37½	41	45
Shell	600	57	66	69½	6	12	21
(*652)	650	18	34½	40½	25	32½	43½
Smkl Bch	420	34½	45½	54	13	23	27
(*438½)	460	15½	27	36	35	44½	48
Storehse	200	26	30½	33½	3½	7	9
(*221)	220	12½	18	22½	11	15½	18
Trafalgar	101	10½	–	–	6	–	–
(*103½)	110	6	9	17	11½	15½	17
Unilever	950	44	63	75	29½	36	49
(*967½)	1000	19	36½	49	55½	65½	77
Zeneca	650	25½	42	51	28	36½	51
(*651½)	700	8	21½	29½	64½	70½	82½
Series		Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grand Met	420	32	43½	49	11½	23	26½
(*442½)	460	10½	24	30	33	45	48
Ladbroke	200	15	22	24	12	17	23
(*208½)	220	5	11	15½	25	29	35
Utd Bisc	360	30½	42	44½	12	21	28
(*375½)	390	14½	27	30	28½	36	44½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	800	5	42½	49½	3	27½	35½
(*806)	850	1	19	27	50½	57	64
Thames W.	460	42	52	55	1	7	10½
(*499)	500	2	24	29	3	22½	26½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	450	12½	30	45	1	13½	18
(*466½)	500	1	11	21½	38½	43½	46½
BTR	390	18	26½	35½	1	10½	14
(*409½)	420	1	11½	20½	16	27	30½
Br Aero	460	5	44	62	3	37½	50
(*463½)	500	1	29½	45	42½	62	74
Br Telcm	420	9	18	24½	1	16½	23½
(*430½)	460	1	5½	10½	32	45½	50
Cadbury	460	15	31½	44	1	15	21
(*474½)	500	1	13	24½	28½	38	43½
Guinness	460	9	32	44½	1	18½	25½
(*472)	500	1	14	25	34	43½	49
GEC	330	24½	34	39	1	5	9
(*352½)	360	1	15	21½	8	17	21½
Hanson	240	15½	20½	24	1	6	10
(*255½)	260	1	9½	14	7	15	19½
LASMO	130	5½	15	20	1	9	12½
(*135½)	140	1	9½	15	6	15	17½
Lucas	140	15½	21½	25	1	5	9½
(*154½)	160	1	9	14½	7	17	20½
Pilkngtn	140	5	13	15	1	6	13
(*144)	160	1	5	7	19½	22	26
Prudential	300	29½	34	40	1	5½	8
(*330)	330	1½	14	21½	4	16	21
Redland	500	39½	45	56½	1	15½	22½
(*531)	550	1	18	32½	25½	43	49
Royal Ins	317	26	35½	43½	1	8	12½
(*343½)	346	1½	18	27	8	21½	25
Tesco	200	19½	26½	32½	1	6	9½
(*218)	220	1	13	22	3	14½	19
Vodafone	500	5½	33	40½	2½	23½	32½
(*506½)	550	1	13	25½	49½	55	62
Williams	330	8	21	29	1	16½	23
(*337½)	360	1	8½	15½	26½	36	39

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	26	37	43	4	10	17½
(*414½)	420	7	20½	28	17	25	32½
Amstrad	30	5½	7	8½	1	2½	3
(*34½)	35	2	4	6	3	4½	5½
Barclays	460	48½	59	67½	3	9½	16½
(*505)	500	13	30½	43	15½	26	33½
Blue Circ	260	21½	28½	35½	4½	14	18
(*276)	280	9	18	25½	13	24	28
Br Gas	300	29½	33	38	2	7½	10½
(*328½)	330	9	16½	21	11	21	24½
Dixons	220	21	32	38	4½	11	15
(*232½)	240	9½	20½	27½	13	19½	24½
Forte	220	15	22	29	5½	12½	15
(*230)	240	5	13	19	16½	24	27½
Hillsdwn	140	17	22	25½	2½	7	9½
(*155)	160	5	11	15	11½	17½	20½
Lonrho	130	6½	14	17½	7	12	15
(*129½)	140	3	10	13½	13½	17½	21
Sears	110	6	10½	13	2½	5½	7
(*115)	120	2½	5½	7	8½	11½	13
Thrn Emi	900	63	91	101	4½	16	26½
(*961½)	950	27½	58½	69½	20½	35	47
Tomkins	220	18	28½	31½	3½	8½	12½
(*233½)	240	6	16	20	12½	18	22
TSB	200	17½	25	28	3	8	12½
(*217)	220	5½	14	18	13	17½	23
Wellcome	650	24½	47½	61	25	48	56½
(*647½)	700	7½	27	41½	60½	82	89½
Series		Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Glaxo	500	37½	52	64½	10½	30	43½
(*519½)	550	13	30	45	37½	60	72
HSBC	700	52	74	92	10½	24	39½
(*744)	750	22	45	65	31	46	64
Reuters	1500	53½	108	142	34½	71	91½
(*1507½)	1550	28	82	15½	67	96	15½
Series		Sep	Dec	Feb	Sep	Dec	Feb
R-Royce	140	14½	19½	22½	3	9	10½
(*150)	160	3½	10	13½	14	20½	22
Series		Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	160	18	21	25	7½	10	15
(*169)	180	8	11½	16	18½	24	27½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	500	10	31	40	1	15½	23
(*513)	550	1	10½	17½	45	47½	52½
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	330	28½	40½	44½	2	8	12½
(*357)	360	8	22½	27	13½	20½	24½
Scot Pwr	330	16	24	28½	5	11	16½
(*346)	360	5½	14	–	17½	22	–

FT-SE INDEX (*3010)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Aug	110	63	25	6	3½	1½
Sep	131	88	55	34	18	9
Oct	149	112	80	51	33	20
Nov	169	132	100	75	53	38
Dec	187	–	117	–	75	–
Puts						
Aug	2	5	18	52	97	147
Sep	12	23	39	69	105	148
Oct	27	37	56	84	115	154
Nov	40	54	74	99	128	165
Dec	52	–	88	–	142	–

August 11, 1993 Tot: 45047 Calls: 29139 Puts: 15908 FT-SE Calls: 7246 Puts: 4989

*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Fund selling hit the gold market again once the US market had opened, sending prices crashing. The losses were much more muted than during the rout last week and there was little fundamental reason for the move. The only factor influencing trade was large scale selling by futures funds and commission houses, suggesting that they have turned to a bearish position.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	737-736	Dec	819-818
Dec	756-755	Mar	832-829
Mar	774-772	May	841-838
May	784-782	Jul	855-850
Jul	794-793		
Sep	804-802		Volume: 5166

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1152-1151	May	1070-1065
Nov	1124-1122	Jul	1070-1060
Jan	1098-1095	Sep	1080-1060
Mar	1076-1074		Volume: 3825

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	–
May	unq	May	–
Aug	–	Aug	–
Oct	–		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	263.5-62.1
Spot: 287.0		Aug	268.4-64.6
Oct	260.5-60.0	Oct	259.9-55.1
Dec	259.9-59.0	Dec	261.9-53.1
Mar	262.5-62.0		Volume: 780

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	72.29	90.64	130.48
(+/-)	-0.50	-2.84	-0.01
Eng/Wales:	72.21	90.97	129.95
(+/-)	-0.53	-2.75	+0.35
(%)	+10.3	+12.2	+11.0
Scotland:	81.60	89.26	132.36
(+/-)	+0.70	-3.39	-1.61
(%)	+58.3	-11.6	+21.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	103.5	100.5	May	105.5	105.5
Nov	103.7	103.7			Volume: 15

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	105.40
Nov	107.00
Jan	108.55
Mar	110.40
May	112.30
	Volume: 268

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.65
Nov	102.80
Jan	104.75
Mar	107.10
May	107.75
	Volume: 183

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	166.50
Oct	169.00
Dec	175.00
Feb	173.50
Apr	174.50
	Volume: 40

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	82.1	80.8
May	91.0	90.8
		Volume: 126

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Sep 60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The weekly US figures showed a reduction in gasoline stocks. This helped to lift all prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.55	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.70	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.70	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.70	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.05	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (+1)	194 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	157 (+1)	158 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	158 (+2)	159 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	160 (+2)	161 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (+1)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	158 (+1)	160 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Aug	157.50-57.75	Nov	163.75-64.00
Sep	159.00-59.25	Dec	165.75-66.00
Oct	161.75 SLR	Jan	167.25-67.50
			Vol: 16218

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.70-16.72	Dec	17.18-17.20
Oct	16.87-16.88	Jan	17.28 BID
Nov	17.03-17.05		Vol: 28220

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	185.75 BID	Nov	unq
Sep	184.00-87.75	Dec	unq
Oct	182.75 SLR		Vol: 23

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1400	1380	1394
Sep 93	1435	1435	1435
Oct 93	1477	1450	1475
Nov 93	1490	1480	1485

Vol: 493 lots. Open int'st: 3328 Index 1344 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1934.5-1935.0	1902.0-1903.0	1588175
Lead ($/tonne)	392.50-393.00	405.00-405.50	61150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	867.50-868.50	884.50-885.00	362125
Tin ($/tonne)	4855.0-4860.0	4911.0-4913.0	8665
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1181.0-1181.5	1205.0-1205.5	761600
Nickel ($/tonne)	4830.0-4831.0	4885.0-4888.0	22866

The right season to go hunting for bargains

Patrick James on where to go and what to look for in a shooting or fishing holiday

Not so long ago, the only way to catch a salmon or shoot a pheasant was by invitation only. People who did not own a stretch of the Tweed, an unspoilt dale or a few thousand acres of moorland were at the mercy of the postman.

Today, however, opportunities for the landless sportsman have never been better. Many agricultural estates have diversified and now rely on short and long-term sporting lets for income.

For a while, the market flourished, as shooting and fishing were seen as ideal ways for those making thousands in the City to enjoy their cash. But, the recession has bitten back with salmon-like ferocity. Last season, for example, a number of shoots were left with a surplus of pheasants in January, while many weeks' fishing went unbooked on some of the most famous rivers in the country.

Quarry: the grouse

This year, unseasonal weather and a grouse disease, strongylosis, have caused havoc with many grouse flocks. Bookings are down.

When looking for new ground to pursue your favourite quarry, it can be difficult to know where to start. If you want to shoot, and the back pages of *The Field* or *Shooting Times* have produced nothing of interest, then the best bet is to ring the Game Conservancy at Fordingbridge, Hampshire (0425 652381). It has an excellent advisory service to set you off down a reliable trail. The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (0244 570881: annual membership £21) is another reliable source of information, with seven regional offices around Britain willing to give advice.

Another possible starting point is to contact a sporting agent. Among the top companies is Strutt and Parker (071-629 7282), but many of the better sporting estates are booked ahead for ten or 15 years. This does not mean, however that excellent short-term offers cannot be found. In Scotland there are opportunities galore. Colin Carter-Campbell of Brodies in Edinburgh (031-228 4111) is the factor (agent) for a number of estates.

Tulchan estate, 12,000 acres of unspoilt and punishing Perthshire, is one example, with prices about average. Driven grouse come at £70 per brace for a 50-brace day, walked-up grouse at £54 per brace. To shoot driven pheasants costs £17 per bird on a 200-bird day and stags £270 each. Accommodation can be had in the luxurious lodge, which sleeps nine at £3,350 per week (exclusive of VAT and the 7.5 per cent agent's fee).

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To take the fishing and the lodge for a week during the season costs £4,300, plus VAT, plus 7.5 per cent agent's fee: if you want to stalk as well, that will cost you another £1,700.

Before you settle on a price with any agent or private estate, it is essential to set out exactly what is included in the price. Is there transport to and from a station or airport? Do you have to pay extra for the ghillies or keepers? Is there a limit on the number of salmon that may be caught? What happens if you shoot more than you agreed to pay for? Are there any rods or rifles available for use? But most important, always insist on seeing the records for past seasons: you may by paying thousands to fish a stretch of river where no salmon have been seen for a decade.

A popular alternative is to book into one of the growing number of country house hotels that offer the chance to shoot or fish. For something out of the ordinary it may be worth trying the Tynycornel Hotel, Gwynedd (0654 782282) which lies within the bounds of the Snowdonia National Park, offering trout fishing for most of the year.

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CINEMA: A controversial-sounding comedy, *Made in America* fatally hedges its bets and loses its way

Black, white and all over the place

Here she comes: earrings and dreadlocks dangling, dark glasses on the end of her nose, weaving dangerously through the Berkeley streets on a gaily painted bike. Whoopi Goldberg is always easy to spot. But what kind of film is she in? The signs are confusing.

Made in America is made by an industry desperately hedging its bets. At first the film plays like a crazy, crude farce. Then it flirts with issues of race, family values and cultural diversity, suffers a painful attack of high drama ("The next 48 hours are critical," the doc says ominously as Whoopi lies unconscious, right leg in plaster), and finishes up with everybody clapping their hands, singing and dancing. The credits insist a human being wrote the script, but I suspect somebody just poured set ingredients into a blender.

A sperm bank starts off the silliness. Nia Long, bright and lovely student daughter of widow Whoopi (owner of an African-American bookshop), discovers by chance that she was conceived by artificial insemination. Her father, alas, is a chump, a breezy car-dealer with a live-in bimbo, noted for his lowbrow television adverts featuring monkeys and bear. He is also a white chump.

Enter Ted Danson in a cowboy hat, whose off-screen friendship with his co-star has filled the tabloids for months. On screen, few sparks fly between them; understandable enough when the script makes Danson ride a runaway elephant chasing the sound of Whoopi's bicycle bell. This kind of slapstick keeps your hands full.

In the ten years since he began directing with *My Favourite Year*, Richard Benjamin seems to have forgotten much of what he once knew about comic finesse and pacing. He can still get his performers to shine, but the gear changes between moods are horrid, and only a few scattered scenes display any satirical spice. Politically correct viewers may appreciate the positive image given to blacks and the education process. But does the surrounding humour have to be so timid or doltish?

Now for something Made in France. **Après L'Amour** carries many of the elite trademarks: knotted love lives, well-heeled professionals, fancy apartments with Paris views, much food, wine and cigarettes. As usual Diane Kurys, the director, keeps her eyes and ears close to her characters, especially the women: though you cannot help wishing that movie love affairs, like serious illnesses, sometimes affected poor people too.

At the centre is Lola, cool, observant, a novelist always committing her thoughts to a diary: Isabelle Huppert plays her with extraordinary, riveting restraint, not a gesture or inflection wasted. On her left is Bernard Giraudeau's David, her long-time companion, a smug architect with a neurotic wife and two children elsewhere. On her right is Hippolyte Girardot as her new lover Tom, a pop musician with his own family tucked away.

None of these are overtly likable characters: the architect, staring out at domestic chaos with the eyes of a fish, is particularly forbidding. But Kurys and her excellent cast portray their curt meetings and fervent embraces, their deceptions and cryptic phone calls, with such precision that you keep watching.

While Diane Kurys continues to be inspired by the mess of human relationships, Italian director Gabriele Salvatores seems a man in need of a new theme. In *Mediterraneo*, his 1992 Oscar winner, soldiers ran away from the responsibilities of the second world war on a Greek island. **Puerto Escondido** features a hounded bank clerk, a murderous policeman and a watch designer who run away to Mexico, where motley adventures with crime, drugs and a fighting cock befall them. You could sum it all up in one word: piffling.

Maybe if Salvatores did not dawdle so much, the film might have more of the airy charm that kept *Mediterraneo* afloat. Certainly there are good moments. Diego Abatantuono, the director's regular star, leads a merry band (including Valeria Golino), while the camera makes the most of rocks and cacti. But aggravation sets in; and the presentation of Mexico as a rehabilitation ward for tired capitalists tips over into the condescending.

"Are you saying we should cross the Kalahari? That's impossible!" a teenage girl with a strong chin and flaxen hair pipes up. But with the aid of Bushman know-how, a cocky young New Yorker attached to a walkman, and a dog's companionship, **A Far Off Place** shows how the impossible can be done.

Ted Danson and Whoopi Goldberg in *Made in America*: their off-screen friendship has filled the tabloids for months but, on screen, few sparks fly between them

Since the producers are Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and Walt Disney, readers of Laurens van der Post's original novel should not expect fidelity. Material is injected from a companion book. Details have been updated and the hero has changed sex. Yet the result holds up on its own old-fashioned terms as a family film in praise of teenage courage, nature conservation and pretty photography.

Director Mikael Salomon, a gifted cameraman himself, allows ample room for the desert landscape, and whips up a powerful sandstorm. Reese Witherspoon and Ethan Randall, orphans fleeing to safety, make a stronger pair than first impressions suggest. And there are no dinosaurs.

Finally, two revivals. George Sluizer's icy, wicked tease of a Dutch thriller, **The Vanishing**, originally appeared here in 1990. Its second release is due to Hollywood, aided by Sluizer himself, hammering flat the same material in a recent remake.

Hollywood's edition of this ingenious tale about kidnapping and psychological torment features star faces, glossy scenery and a laborious, crowd-pleasing climax. Sluizer's splendid original boasts nondescript settings, an anonymous cast (though Johanna ter Steege is now far better known) and a quick, lethal wrap-up. Since Sluizer's theme is evil's banality and its easy entry into mundane lives, his chosen dull, French highways provide the ideal setting.

And no recent movie psychopath has unnerved as insidiously as Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu's Raymond, a pudding-faced plodder with a tight smile and little beard. Jeff Bridges' equivalent shows all the subtlety of a pantomime dame.

The other revival is Richard Brooks' **In Cold Blood** of 1967, from a touring season of black-and-white CinemaScope prints presented by the British Film Institute and Piper-Heidsieck champagne. It has not aged well. What seemed an exciting, quasi-documentary approach to Truman Capote's record of a senseless murder and its aftermath now appears too full of its own significance.

The acting is variable. "I thought Mr Clutter was a nice gentleman. I thought so right up to the time I cut his throat," from Robert Blake (one of the killers), still makes the heart jump, but Brooks cannot let the cold facts rest. He must twist our arm with forceful editing, Freudian flashbacks and weighty thoughts from hardened reporter Paul Stewart.

What survives is Conrad Hall's photography. When a film begins with a shoe thrust into the foreground, each ridge of its sole clearly visible, you may cringe at the artifice. But you know a magician is behind the camera: and once he turns to the little Kansas towns, the crime and the punishment, his magic rarely stops.

Made in America
MGM Haymarket, 12, 111 mins
Doltish cross-cultural farce

Après L'Amour
Curzon Mayfair, 15, 105 mins
French love tangles, well worth unravelling

Puerto Escondido
Curzon West End, 15, 106 mins
Flimsy successor to Mediterraneo

A Far Off Place
MGM Trocadero, PG, 116 mins
Old-fashioned adventure

The Vanishing
Metro, 12, 107 mins
George Sluizer's chilling Dutch treat

In Cold Blood
ICA Cinema, 134 mins
Tarnished 1967 version of Capote's study in murder

Honest to gods of all kinds

David Robinson welcomes Channel 4's new season of films on the theme of religious belief

Television schedulers are like egg-packers, industriously processing what start out as individual, one-off films — sizing them, grading them and packaging them neatly in half dozens, as strands or series under catch-all generic titles. This way the consumer knows what he is getting; the comfortable predictability of the weekly programming is not unsettled by an unfamiliar title or an unwonted timing.

Thus Channel 4 has collected a dozen quite heterogeneous documentaries into a series called "Witness", on the pretext that their common subject is particular personal beliefs that do not conform to the great organised religions.

In *Consider the End* (September 2), Ludovic Kennedy sets out the case for voluntary euthanasia. In *Holy Madness* (September 9) Mira Hammermesh diagnoses The Jerusalem Syndrome: the tendency of tourists, caught up in the Holy City's maelstrom of incompatible religions, to suppose that they are the reincarnation of Jesus or David or even Samson.

John Dollar's *The Emperor's Birthday* (August 26) is set in Addis Ababa during celebrations of the centenary of Haile Selassie's birth. People who remember that melancholy little monarch as a refugee, sitting out the second world war in Bath, may find it hard to conceive his elevation to divinity by the Rastafarians of the world.

A persistent motif in the film is the box of exhumed bones which might or might not be those of the Lion of Judah, who might or might not have been executed by the revolutionaries in 1972. Rastas, convinced that he is still living, do not really care, of course.

Religious cults: Don Boyd's *Man, God and Africa*, to be shown on Channel 4 tonight at 9pm

The first film of the series, *Man, God and Africa*, showing tonight, is directed by Don Boyd, best known as the producer of such films as *Scrubbers*, *Scum* and Derek Jarman's *The Tempest*. An exploration of religious communities among the poorest black populations of South Africa, the film is a remarkable demonstration of the tendency of every faith to appropriate the habits and ceremonials of precedent and even quite inimical religions.

Among these African sects — some of which consist only of a few score believers — the music, dance, possession and healings, of atavistic tribal ceremony are unselfconsciously adapted to Christian worship. The outstanding quality of the film is Boyd's unqualified respect for simple belief and sincerity, without a hint of paternalistic patronage. Boyd will contribute another film, on the vicars of Britain, to the second half-dozen series of "Witness".

The series has its ups and downs. Next week's *L.A.Divine* (August 19), for instance, is a tabloid trot through some of the odd cults of Los Angeles. The guide is Christopher Hitchens, whose on-screen title is "Culture Critic of *Vanity Fair*". An aesthete in shades, he casts off epigrams that do not bear a second thought, styles a divine as being "to Hollywood what St Peter was to down-town Rome", and calls leaves "adorable".

The final film of the first series, Frank Perry's *On The Bridge* (September 16), is, however, unmissable. I must admit that for half a year, as it turned up at one festival after another, I consciously avoided seeing this film — a filmmaker's record of his own battle with inoperable cancer. Paradoxically, *On the Bridge* turns out to be an incomparably optimistic and encouraging film. The message is emphatically about living and not dying.

Frank Perry is a distinguished director, whose works include *David and Lisa*, *The Swimmer* and *Mommie Dearest*. Discovering that the time remaining was finite, he set out to use it well and make it count; and in the process he found a lot of people with the same "problem" (it is never styled more seriously than that) and the same determination.

The Great Unmentionable becomes an everyday affair as interesting and irritating as a car service that is giving trouble — and as secondary to the real things of life. The overwhelming importance and pleasure of the film is that his "problem" has focused Perry's attention on the things that matter; and this is the message he passes along. It is a thrilling story of conquest: Perry's determination has already carried him past a whole series of medical deadlines. As the end title declares: "He is doing his best to use what he learned while making this movie — to live from the heart and sing his own song."

Onegin not to be on again

ARTS BRIEFING

OPERA NORTH's new boss, Ian Ritchie, has moved quickly to remove a potential embarassment from his first season. The company is postponing Howard Davies's staging of *Eugene Onegin*, a co-production that was comprehensively reviled when Welsh National Opera unveiled it in Cardiff. Opera North was to have presented it in Leeds in November as its Tchaikovsky centenary tribute; instead the company will mount a new production of a rare Mozart opera, *Il Re Pastore*, directed by David McVicar and conducted by Paul Daniel.

The company cites "unexpected artistic difficulties" as the reason for postponing *Onegin* until autumn 1995. "The director hasn't been too well," elaborates an Opera North spokesman. Given the kind of reviews his production achieved ("a complete and irretrievable mess" wrote Rodney Milnes in *The Times*), one is not surprised.

Import-export

AMERICAN plays and musicals are mounting an autumn assault on the West End. *Marvin's Room*, the acclaimed drama by the late Scott McPherson, is the latest to move in — to the Comedy Theatre, reopening on September 22 following its sell-out run at Hampstead. In the same month, David Mamet's "sexual harassment" play *Oleanna* opens at the Duke of York. And three American musicals also come to London in September: *Hair*, *Carousel* and the off-Broadway hit *Forever Plaid*.

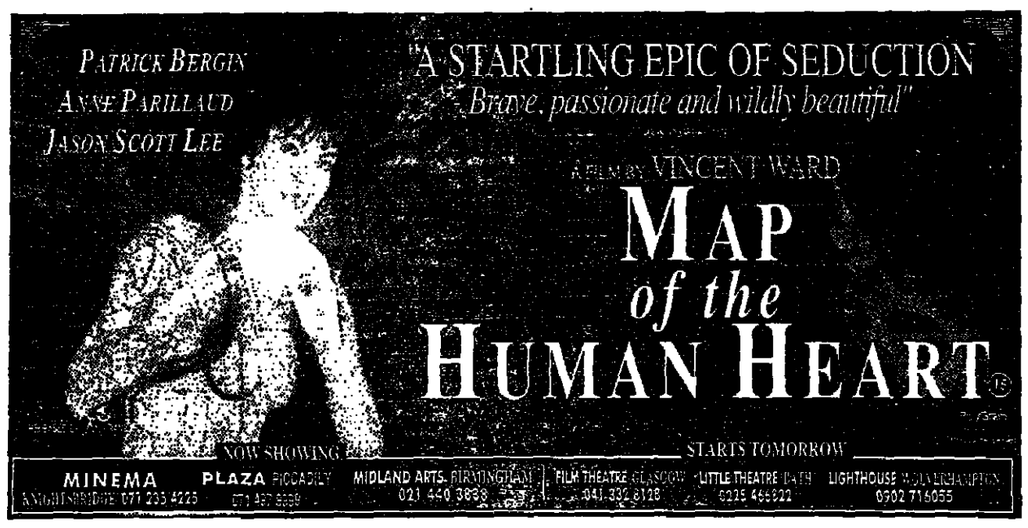
However, it is not all Americana: two of the most talked about British productions of the last season are to be relocated in the West End. From next Wednesday, Sir Peter Hall's bawdy production of *Lysistrata* transfers from the Old Vic to Wyndham's Theatre, where it will be presented by the theatre impresario Bill Kenwright. Geraldine James continues in the title role, and the giant phalluses so prominently paraded will doubtless continue to tickle some fancies and horrify others.

Meanwhile, the National Theatre's *An Inspector Calls* transfers to the Aldwych Theatre on August 21. Kenneth Cranham continues as the sinister Inspector Goole, but Julian Glover and Sylvestra Le Touzel join the cast in Stephen Daldry's brilliantly revisionist production of the durable J.B.Priestley classic.

● **THE last word in incestuous television will surely be spoken on BBC2 later this month, when the network unveils a television series about "the making of a television celebrity". The celebrity is Sir David Frost, whose rise from Sixties satirist to Nineties media mogul is traced in a three-part series called *Frost in the Air* (August 30, 31 and September 4).**

Last chance . . .

GENERAL opinion has it that the Royal Academy's much-attended and also much-derided Summer Exhibition is, in its 225th edition, finally getting its act together again. Partly it may be the hefty participations this year of such absentee RAs as David Hockney that have improved things, partly the closer integration of abstract and representational, sculpture and painting. Whatever it is, the Academy show (071-439 7438) runs in Piccadilly until Sunday.



LONDON

Uz: The Irish mega band, now on the UK leg of their European tour, are promoting their latest album *Zooropa*, a mixture of weird samples and good old fashioned rock, a vast improvement on their last album. Bound to be a spectacle. Strong support comes from P.J. Harvey.
Wembley Stadium (081-900 1234). Today, 4pm.

PROMS: Former principal conductor and artistic director of the Czech Philharmonic, Jiří Bělohlávek, conducts the BBC Philharmonic for tonight's programme which comprises Brahms's *Tragic Overture* and Zemlinsky's delicate *Six Maeterlinck Songs*, Op 13, followed by Mahler's Symphony No 1 in D major, "Titan". Dutch mezzo-soprano Jard van Nes is the soloist.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

SCOTT HAMILTON QUARTET: Now nearing 40, this mainstream tenor saxophonist has always boasted a maturity beyond his years.
Pizza Express, London W1 (071-437 9595) Tonight, 7.45pm.

REGIONAL

ARCADIA: Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm. 180mins. S

AS YOU LIKE IT: Kate Buffery and Peter de Jersey find love under the greenwood tree in David Thacker's thinnish revival.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, 7.15pm. 180mins

THE BASSET TABLE: Gambling, love and strange scientific experiments are the ingredients in this comedy by the 18th Century wit, Mrs Centlivre. Revived by Company of Clerks.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tue to Sat 8pm, mats Sun, 2pm, 5pm. Till August 29.

THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF ANIMALS: A barely believable custom, still practised today by backward people. Recl Hamett repeats his heartbreaking performance as a dog tortured for suspected sodomy. Not for the squeamish. Last week.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm.

THE DEVIL'S ONLY SLEEPING: Nick Stafford's murky drama, first seen in Birmingham, of jealousy between siblings, leading to fratricide and parricide. Greek tragedy for the 1990s. Last week.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

GODSPELL: Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tue to Sun 7.30pm plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat 3pm. Till August 30.

GORMENGHAST: The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

BATH: In a departure from his usual role as one of today's finest accompanists, the pianist Roger Vignoles turns conductor when he directs the Bournemouth Sinfonietta in this new staging of **The Turn of the Screw**, Britten's version of Henry James's chilling ghost story. The production by Bath and Wessex Opera is directed by Olivia Fuchs of Opera Factory Zurich.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 448844). Tonight, Sat, 7.30pm S

CHICHESTER: Prunella Scales plays Dolly Levi, and Frank Lazarus the merchant of Yonkers in **The Matchmaker**, Thornton Wilder's version of Nestroy's version of John Oxenford's version of Plautus.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *Pickwick*.

CROYDON: Another Edinburgh Fringe preview. The impro specialist **Greg Proops** appears in his one-man stand-up show.
Warehouse Theatre, Dingwall Road (081-680 4060) Tonight, 8pm.

EDINBURGH: The Ridiculous Theatrical Company from the USA bring the recent West End show **Brother Truckers** to the Fringe. The company do their campest stuff in this weird and wonder-filled production about the men that haul trash and the women who love them.
Traverse Theatre, Venue 15, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Tonight-Aug 29, 11pm (not Mons 16, 23)

EDINBURGH. As usual at the Fringe, there is some exciting new writing around. This year's Fringe continues to hot up with **The Life of Spice**, part play, part revue, a vibrant and rompish satire on social inhibitions. Live on-stage band.
Southside 93, Venue 62, 117 Nicolson Street (031-667 7385) Tonight, 11.15pm, then Aug 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26?, 28, 30, Sept 1, 11 15pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Sadly slimpsy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role which was first played over here by Richard Gere
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **HOT STUFF:** The glitter and glam of the 1970s, the soul and the funk, given a Faustian storyline to link the songs. Moneyspinning compilation musical from Paul Kerryson
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5040). Previews from tonight, 8pm. Opens Aug 18, 7pm. Mon to Thurs 8pm, Fri 6pm and 9pm, Sat 5pm and 8pm.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher. Last week.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat. 2pm. 115mins.

□ **A JOVIAL CREW:** Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, which was written on the eve of the Civil War.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Today, 2pm, 7.15pm. 150mins. S

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Pancia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. S

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

■ **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW:** Galumphing version of this politically incorrect, so-called comedy. Cathy Tyson plays Kate.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, 8pm. 150mins. S

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables.** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon.** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . □ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8855) . . . □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

THE LAST BOLSHEVIK: Chris Marker's fascinating portrait of the life and times of Alexander Medvedkin, oddball Russian film director.
ICA S (071-930 3647).

NUIT ET JOUR (15): Tangled young love in Paris. Inquisitive, stylised film by Chantal Akerman; a little reminiscent of Eric Rohmer
Renoir (071-837 8402).

PUERTO ESCONDIDO (15): Mitanese bank clerk, dogged by a killer policeman, hides away in Mexico Gabrelle Salvatores's filmsy follow-up to *Mediterraneo*, with Diego Abatantuono, Valeria Golino.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

THE SNAPPER (15). Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** S (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914656) **Plaza** S (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** S (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** S (071-792 3332)

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES III (PG). The turtles land in 17th-century Japan, only to find mundane adventure. Writer-director, Stuart Gillard.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** S (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** S (0425 915683).

TOM AND JERRY — THE MOVIE (U):

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Limp feature debut of MGM's battling duo: they talk, they sing and, heaven forbid, become bosom buddies.
Director, Phil Roman.
MGM Trocadero S (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914686) **Odeon Mezzanine** S (0426 915683)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient but needless remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne, directed by John Badham
MGM Fulham Road S (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** S (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** S (071-792 3332).

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast. Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough, Director, Steven Spielberg

Barbican S (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** S (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** S (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** S **Notting Hill Coronet** S (071-727 6705) (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** S (071-792 3332)

LAST ACTION HERO (15): Movie-mad kid magically joins Arnold Schwarzenegger on the silver screen. Noisy mess that squanders its few good ideas. John McTiernan directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** S (071-792 3332)

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parrillaud.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Plaza** S (071-437 1234/497 9999).

◆ **RED ROCK WEST** (15): Enjoyable thriller, with Nicolas Cage sucked into a whirlpool of greed and deceit. Dennis Hopper. Lara Flynn Boyle, J.T. Walsh, director, John Dahl.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on the humour missing from a classic comedy

Bitter, if not actually twisted

DONALD COOPER

Unhappy pair: Margery (Debra Gillett) and Pinchwife (Robin Soans)

The Country Wife
Swan, Stratford

FOR a moment, the omens look disturbing. Max Stafford-Clark's revival of Wycherley opens with a spritely prologue by Stephen Jeffreys, who did some weird and not altogether wonderful things to Richard Brome's *Jovial Crew* when he adapted it, also for the Royal Shakespeare Company. What's coming — a *Country Wife* in which the rake Horner ends up recanting his sexism in a consciousness-raising group in 17th-century Cricklewood?

No; or at least not quite. In the prologue Jeffreys is at pains to distinguish this production — "Our dear poet, whose bones have long been dust, is resurrected in the shape of *Lust*" — from the bastard version of the play currently tinkling away at the Haymarket. He also reassures the spectators (among them "the thund'rous Nightingale", whoever that bird may be) that the cast will "speak no line but what our author writ".

That is true; but it is somewhat technically true. Though the actors speak Wycherley throughout, they also sing two songs, each seething with sexual hatred, that were writ by Ian Dury and Mickey Gallagher. More to the point, Stafford-Clark is again directing, and again seeing a 17th-century play through the thin-rimmed 20th-century spectacles I sometimes suspect perch permanently on his nose. His *Country Wife* is less the cynical entertainment, the subversive frolic Wycherley penned, more an exposé, only intermittently funny, of a deeply misogynistic society.

True, that is surgery far less radical than was perpetrated on Brome. In some ways *The Country Wife* is a dark, even an ugly play. It also seems to me to support D.H. Lawrence's suggestion that the spread of the pox crippled British attitudes to sex. The word is never off the characters' lips, and not only as an oath. Jealous old Pinchwife tries to keep Margery, his "country wife", safe at home by affecting a fear of what he calls smallpox, and we know to be quite another sickness. Horner sneaks married women galore into his bed by convincing their husbands he has been made impotent by some French mutation of the same infection. Milady Gonorrhea and Milord Syphilis aren't on the cast-list, but they haunt the play, intensifying everybody's half-suppressed mistrust of love.

Mistrust bordering at times on contempt. For the men, the women are mostly sexual pickings, to be treacherously won, quickly enjoyed, then callously disposed of. The women are as greedy, though they camouflage their promiscuity with cant about "honour". Love is a "distemper", friendship a weakness, and deception and hypocrisy so much the norm that the only safe disguise is the honest. Harcourt displays when he nabs Alithea from the fop Sparkish in the subplot. The more authentically he protests his love, the more he convinces her fiancé he is just another bogus gallant playing chic games.

"A nasty world," as one genteel slut says? I suppose so. Yet the play is a gleefully satiric comedy, not a sermon, and written by an ancestor of Joe Orton, not a first cousin of Swift. Should whores really roam the stage, rattling keys? Should Abigail McKern's Lady Fidget wear a red Toulouse-Lautrec corset and a black see-through skirt, and behave in quite so hard-boiled and predatory a way? Should Simon Dormandy's fatuously chortling Sparkish end up viciously spitting at Kate Duchene's laid-back Alithea? Should Robin Soans's Pinchwife evolve from a tiny, flummoxed mole, genuinely fond of Debra Gillett's gauche Margery, into quite so bitter and violent a human mammal? True, he says women have more desires than men, "more soliciting passions, more lust, more of the devil"; but comic pique and not entrenched misogyny is speaking.

The spurious songs, with the sexes ferociously trashing each other, clinch the growing impression. Stafford-Clark is italicising the implicit, making the subtext the text, and doing so at the cost of fun and humour. Myself, I laughed seldom. Even the famous "china" scene, with Jeremy Northam's Horner exuding more phoney affability than charisma or desire as he lures the ladies into his eyrie, left me chilled rather than amused. A puritan production, in short, of a cavalier play.

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PLAYFULNESS, whimsy and melancholy are qualities that are in short supply in the 1993 charts. This was not so back in 1981 when, for a little less than a year, the hits of Haircut 100 — "Favourite Shirt", "Fantastic Day", "Love Plus One" — filled the Top Ten with an energetic naïvety that should be central to any young band, but rarely is.

The dimple-cheeked possessor of a precocious songwriting talent, their lead singer Nick Heyward seemed a safe bet for solo stardom after the group's premature demise. But his lone success proved to be equally short-lived, with three successive albums meeting ever-diminishing interest and his public profile dipping to near anonymity. Fans wondered if he had taken rock's equivalent of early retirement.

Now, after a five-year absence, Heyward is back, a new single "Kite" providing a neat reminder of his gift for pretty but pointed guitar-pop. And a significant number of contemporaries recall his glory days with fondness. That was clear from the ranks of the disappointed who were left ticketless as the packed basement club buzzed with anticipation of his arrival.

Still boyish at 32 with his candy-striped shirt and alternate airs of mischief and surprise, he based his hour-long set on material from a forthcoming album, *From Monday to Saturday*, due to be released next month. And such songs from it as "Mr Plain" or the light-hearted "Caravan" proved he has more than retained his deftness in observing the world around him.

His gift has always been for the tiny, telling detail that sheds life on some aspect of mundanity, and his own move from the capital to Surrey suburbia has provided him with material aplenty. If his new work lacks the wistful charm of perhaps his best song, 1983's debut solo-hit "Whistle Down the Wind", it resonates with the confidence of one who knows the value of simple structure and expression and who makes no concessions to current music fashions.

A four-piece band including former Haircut pal Les Nemes helped Heyward to a beefy, satisfying sound, and though the old songs were the most rapturously received, he made a convincing case for his imminent rehabilitation within the charts.

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Fiona Shaw's 'Hamlet Project' aims to change the way the Irish see Shakespeare. **Gill Pyrah** reports

MARK MAXWELL

Fast and furious Irish *Hamlet*: "I knew it would be violent," says the project's director, Fiona Shaw, "and I knew this would be the way for this country to explode its polite relationship with Shakespeare"

The play's the thing, in Elsinore or in Galway

An unlit munitions warehouse is an inhospitable place. No wonder the scuttling figure who emerged like a rat from the blackness scratched and scrabbled at the filthy cold walls. The guards whisper hoarse alarm at every sound, and all those present catch the terror which is seeping outwards from a now candlelit corner into the gloomy beyond. Though we are in Galway, on Ireland's west coast, tonight this is Elsinore. And surely *everything* is rotten in this state of Denmark.

Last year the country's premier actress, Fiona Shaw, led acting workshops for the largely inexperienced youngsters at Dublin's Abbey Theatre. She also knew that John Lynch, who starred with her in the *Royal Shakespeare Company's* mesmerising production of *Electra*, wanted to play Hamlet. This fast, violent and battering version of the play is the outcome.

It is two hours shorter than usual: alas, poor Yorick, he's out; and Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are, if not dead, missing in action. Purists who like their Shakespeare delivered clearly, as recognisable poetry, would hate the cuts and the sentences half lost in entrances and exits. Personally, I am all for Hamlet speaking the opening of his soliloquy to himself, quietly, behind the audience. Most of us can fill in the first couple of lines.

The morning after a draining first night, Shaw came to be interviewed in the desolate warehouse. Ideally, the director said, there would be no more than 15 in the audience. So that, as the actors had made half the building their own (actually living and sleeping in it), even when they were ostensibly "off stage", and in another part of the castle, they would be alongside or behind the spectators; and sometimes eavesdropping, with us, on events.

To pay the bill, however, she had agreed to 150 voyeurs, sitting no more than three deep. On the first night 300 turned up — an overwhelming number.

Shaw seemed genuinely, if naively, surprised by the crowd. Spending only £140 of the £1,000 production budget, she had stripped away stage, sets, costumes, Shakespearean actors and much of the text, and had evidently supposed the audience would be pared down too. If she wasn't putting on a production with an audience in mind, what was she up to?

"I'm here to encourage actors. In Ireland we have a massively successful *writers'* theatre, where actors are merely the tools of the writer. I'm trying to be, not the director, the provoker, I suppose. I'm in love with Shakespeare and have had a fantastic time bathing in the sea of his plays. There's no better writer for exploring the nature of theatre with. And while *Hamlet* is a sort of sacred cow in England, here it is not so; it's rarely done.

Team players: Fiona Shaw with members of the "Hamlet Project"

"I knew it would be violent — John is a very violent, vibrant actor — and I knew this would be the way for this country to explode its polite relationship with Shakespeare, which is often treated with some application of an emulsion that somehow protects you from the horrible directness of Shakespeare."

The project has depended on two texts: the play and Peter Brook's tract on the nature and purpose of theatre, *The Empty Space*. For weeks the actors have been hauled through the sort of exercises that are not uncommon in Britain, but rare in Ireland. While some were blindfolded, for example, the rest had to "describe", either by touch or sound, a series of Francis Bacon paintings (the blindfolds passed into the production); one evening they spent three hours as a tribe hunting boar to a drum, and "going bananas" (the fight sequence was the result).

Another time, Polonius, Gertrude and Claudius spent the night sitting round candles and were allowed only three sentences to convey their lifetime plans and ambitions. "Why," Shaw asked her designer Frank Conway, "was that so riveting?" "Because you're allowed in to watch people think." Thus it is in the production.

To her own fascination, Shaw has had to spend hours working with her Irish cast on the notion of "king". They have come up with something like a medieval baronetcy. She asked them to "delve into themselves" for experiences of power, abuse, servility and despair. One revealed he was sexually assaulted by a master at his Catholic boarding-school; he was terrified to the point of wetting his bedclothes. Without speaking, his attacker had bathed him for 15 minutes then carefully laundered his things. Another spoke of a man who walked out in public, swathed in a rope, and was left alone to commit suicide.

Now the kingdom of Elsinore is peopled by isolated, fearful souls. Polonius swiftly and silently buggers Osric, coshes his son for leaving home and pimps his own daughter, getting her up like a pitiful underage girl at King's Cross. Even in death she is strapped to her bier as though in bondage.

Catholic rites and symbols obtrude everywhere. Polonius is battered to death with a crucifix; and surely never in this century has Laertes' lament for his family, buried without full ritual, meant so much.

"Provoking" the actors to find their own way in the hell-bent production gives us an agonising Claudius (Sean McGinley, "a natural king of the tinkers, from Donegal"), who, unusually, takes half-share of the dramatic limelight from his stepson. Meanwhile John Lynch's Hamlet answers the central dilemma of the play — why doesn't he *do* something? — by pacing it backwards: raving at an unsustainable pitch in his early madness (streaked in excrement) and slowly regaining some control to the point at which, too late, he could have extracted revenge.

At least one critic had problems with Hamlet dressing in a frock as he prepares for the play within a play. But why? To be a woman in Hamlet's world is to have neither power nor autonomy. By putting aside his maleness he can allow himself to be temporarily passive, not murderous, and at the same time put his relationships with both Gertrude and Ophelia in abeyance.

The "Hamlet Project" is touring 15 venues, each as unlikely as the last and all with something new to offer. So who is to say the frock won't have gone by the time the players reach Skibberean or Charleville, and the once-mooted live horse be back in the cast?

DANCE

As the spirit moves

Praying Mantis Dreaming
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Do you dilute or revitalise old traditions when you mix them with new forms? Arguably, a tradition that cannot adapt to circumstances is a dead tradition, and the Australian choreographer Stephen Page (father from the Mullinnjarli tribe, mother part Aboriginal, part Maori, with a dash of English and Spanish) points out that in the northern communities now he finds "traditional" dances newly invented by young people:

"When they first saw a flag," he says, "they started doing a flag dance; and when they learned how to play cards they did a card dance."

So he defends the creation of an urban black style which draws from Aboriginal, Islander and white modern dance influences; and in the ambitious work which Bangarra Dance Theatre gave in the QEH last Saturday he uses it appropriately to tell the story of a girl taken from her mother's Aboriginal tribe by her European father, left alone in the city when he dies young (of drink?), but eventually reclaimed to her people thanks to her mother's Praying Mantis totem who has constantly guarded her, appearing in her dreams.

Patience is needed before the narrative of *Praying Mantis Dreaming* becomes clear, at least for a British audience unfamiliar with the context; and the depiction of seedy city life can look a touch naive in its stylisation. But the sincerity and skills of the work and its performers carry the day.

Three brothers take much of the credit. Stephen Page is director and choreographer of Bangarra Dance Theatre, David Page has composed and arranged the music. Both of these dance too, but in that respect they are outshone by Russell Page, whose role as the Praying Mantis Spirit is almost incredibly demanding. I cannot imagine how he manages to keep his powerful acrobatic tricks going at full strength, while hardly ever off stage for more than a few minutes, and to blend them with such a smooth fluent manner.

But this is not just a one family show. Sue-Ann Williams makes the daughter equally convincing as the good girl she basically proves to be and the good-time girl in her big-city abandon. And the group as a whole dances well, especially the men, whose strength is revealed equally in heavy movement or in an uncanny lightness from even the burliest of them.

JOHN PERCIVAL

MUSIC IN NEW YORK

Masur plays to his strengths

Most major American orchestras have summer residences in the countryside, such as the Boston Symphony's celebrated Shed at Tanglewood. The New York Philharmonic has never had one — until now. For the second year in a row the orchestra has migrated eight blocks south to its old home at Carnegie Hall for a festive three-week series of concerts. Last year's all-Tchaikovsky festival saw a triumphant beginning to Kurt Masur's directorship; this year's Schumann and Brahms programmes were electrifying.

The orchestra played with white-hot intensity and nearly impeccable virtuosity, sounding better than it has for years. A successful European tour apparently tightened the ensemble, and Masur's rapport with the musicians seems at once warm and masterful.

The Carnegie audiences, normally more staid than those at the Philharmonic's Lincoln Center home, have responded ecstatically, as have the critics. Even the *New York Times* reviewers, who generally pride themselves on never liking anything much, have become unabashed, flag-waving cheerleaders. James Oestreich wrote of the final concert: "Every phrase had life and direction, and the players showed involvement and even unabashed joy in their collective mien as well as in their performances."

The piano concertos on the first two programmes — Schumann, and Brahms's Second — were exceptionally well-served by Richard Goode and Garrick Ohlsson respectively. Goode's performance was especially affecting, passionate yet coolly well-shaped. Ohlsson's Brahms had some eccentric tempos — the first movement's allegro non troppo was perilously near to an andante — but Masur accompanied sensitively, and the effect was ultimately satisfying. Less so was Shlomo Mintz's ponderous rendering of the Brahms Violin Concerto in the final programme.

However, on every programme it was the symphonic selection that made the most exciting impression. Brahms's First is one of Masur's best interpretations, supple and serene yet saturated with inner strength. His readings of Schumann's First and Fourth symphonies were a revelation. He made no attempt to lighten the composer's famously heavy hand, but the effect, far from being leaden, was one of sweeping power.

JAMIE JAMES

A wholly healthy chamber opera?

Gerald Larner eavesdrops as composer James MacMillan and playwright Iain Heggie discuss their new collaboration for the Edinburgh Festival

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

The composer James MacMillan is in reflective mood. "I have a problem with a lot of contemporary opera," he confesses. "Which is that composers seem to want to downgrade the librettist to someone subservient to their needs. The text becomes a vehicle for musical abstraction and the words get lost in the process. It's almost as though the words don't matter to the composer very much. That's a view of theatre I don't understand. What I needed to do was to subjugate my compositional ego . . . "

"There he goes being unselfish again," interjects Iain Heggie, evidently feeling that the aria has gone on long enough. "Yes, I know," replies MacMillan, not wanting to suppress the librettist of his new chamber opera, *Tourist Variations*. "An ego that is nevertheless important in every other piece I have done. In this piece I had to be more of an artisan and step back. It was important to me that every word should be heard."

Anyone who knows the linguistic agility and wit of Heggie's plays — *A Wholly Healthy Glasgow* being the most famous — can imagine what a difficult task that could be. "But I didn't write it like I would write a play," says Heggie. "The idea was that I would get the story first and then I would come to Jimmy with ideas . . . " "Very strange ideas," says MacMillan. "There was one about a coat. You remember going into those posh men's shops in Edinburgh pretending we were going to buy a coat?"

"One of the briefs from the Traverse," continues Heggie, "was that it was for four singers and a band rather than an orchestra. I simplified it even further. I decided we would do it for two: a man and woman observing a group of tourists. I took some advice from Jimmy and Francisco Negrin, who's directing the show, and I also did not take some advice from them. They said I should not do a libretto which had Character A's line followed by Character B's line followed by Character A's line, and so on. I did lots of that."

"I had certainly never had to deal with that kind of thing before," comments the composer, "setting words which were basically short sentences in quick-fire exchanges. It seemed almost impossible."

Heggie continues: "They said it meant the voice couldn't soar. But I took that on as well because eventually I wrote longer, verse things which had the potential to be aria"

"Once we got round to the arias and so on," says MacMillan, "it was much easier. One of the big challenges for you, Iain, was probably how to write duets, how to interlock lines so that they're not just going backwards and forwards, question and answer, but also to get them to sing at the same time."

Working in harmony: composer James MacMillan (left) and dramatist Iain Heggie

Heggie agrees: "And there are other things I took on board. One was that I could rhyme for the first time. Another was that I wanted to write lyrics like Thirties or Forties American lyrics, where you can really hear the lines and enjoy the wit of them."

MacMillan — who saw *A Wholly Healthy Glasgow* and *American Bagpipes* in Manchester a few years ago, when he was teaching at the university and Heggie was writer in residence at the Royal Exchange Theatre — admires the plays for what he describes as a "musical quality in the structuring of the material". He was delighted to find the same quality in the new libretto for *Tourist Variations*. "I could see at a glance the structural scaffolding which would suit it in terms of key direction and dramatic shading and contrast."

But how does MacMillan cope with the Heggie comedy? Heggie has one answer. "Jimmy doesn't know this, but I've watched him in the audience and he has a wonderful temperament to deliver comedy to, because he takes a brilliant innocence to the theatre and just laughs his head off. He's easy to please."

Easily pleased, perhaps, but was he easily converted from the music-theatre he has done already in *Busqueda* and *Visitatio Sepulchri* — both of which are effective but deeply serious — to the Glasgow vernacular and what Heggie describes as the "delight in disputation" of his two essentially Scottish characters? "I ended up with a libretto double the size of *Madam Butterfly* to be delivered in half the time!" is his answer.

"The vocal delivery has to be quick, syllabic and direct, while the style of the piece draws on the vernacular — there's operetta, the musical, jazz, a couple of rock-style riffs."

It seems that the MacMillan fans will scarcely recognise him. "I am sure they will be surprised, and the musical world at large will be surprised: of the four of my premieres at Edinburgh this year, the two big ones are *Tourist Variations* and *Epiclesis* and anyone hearing them both would think they are by two different people."

Epiclesis, a trumpet concerto for John Wallace, follows MacMillan's recent trend towards increased complexity. "It is complex but," he insists, "without losing the necessity to communicate, to be comprehended to a degree by people who may just walk in off the street. It's the same with *Visitatio Sepulchri*. The music in that is quite dense but it's my most accessible piece."

This is a cue for another Heggie interjection. But he has gone already, getting things ready for his mini-festival on the Fringe — *Love and Politics in the Park* at the Stepping Stones and *The Sex Comedies* at the Gilded Balloon.

● Tourist Variations *is in a double bill with another new opera, Craig Armstrong and Ian Brown's* Anna, *at the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh (festival box office: 031-225 5756), previewing this Saturday and opening on Tuesday*

A girl's place is in the gang

Claire Messud is struck by the variety and productivity of a talented novelist

FOXFIRE: Confessions of a Girl Gang
By Joyce Carol Oates
Macmillan, £14.99

Maddy Wirtz, the narrator of Joyce Carol Oates's latest novel, asks: "Does it matter that our old selves are lost to us as surely as the past is lost, or is it enough to know yes we lived then, and we're living now, and the connection must be there? Like a river hundreds of miles long exists both at its source and at its mouth, simultaneously?" The now middle-aged Maddy, as she compiles her adolescent memoirs (the confessions of a girl gang), asks many such unanswerable, familiar questions, and through them Oates captures the adolescent musings that we all carry with us unresolved through adulthood.

But this particular question is peculiarly apposite to the *oeuvre* of Oates herself. Now in her mid-fifties, Oates has been producing approximately a book a year for 25 years. She is the author of so many novels, short stories, poems and essays, so eclectic in her interests and so versatile in her styles and forms that it is sometimes difficult to ascertain what links her works, aside from her name on the jacket and the owlish visage inside the back cover. Hers is an experimental temperament, pursuing as many diverse paths and projects as capture her fancy.

There is no clear link between *Black Water*, say — her last offering, which appeared less than a year ago: a fictionalisation of the Ted Kennedy disaster at Chappaquiddick, told from the point of view of the drowned girl — and this tale of feminist revenge wrought by working-class girls in upstate New York in the mid-1950s. Oates clearly seizes upon an idea, works on it, publishes the result, and moves onto the next, with an almost 19th-century indifference to her prolificness. The result is that some of her endeavours are lasting gems (she has written several of the finest short stories in contemporary America), while others have a more local interest and fade more quickly from the general imagination.

Although not without merit, *Foxfire* is, perhaps, of this latter camp. Oates's concept of a group of girls — all from broken or unhappy homes, all combating terrible social odds — banding together around the Robin Hood figure of "Legs" Sadovsky, is an attractive one. Together, the girls find strength, identity, self-respect; they take revenge on their oppressors (men, generally) and give succour to the oppressed; they are sexually independent; they have each other. Ultimately, they even create a women's place — a gang house, in the country — enacting an ideal reminiscent of women-only communities imagined by writers across the centuries, from Christine de Pisan onwards.

But it is when the gang is united under one roof that the women's self-sufficiency begins to unravel, and what has been a lark turns ugly. What intercedes, above all, is the inevitable, tragic truth that the girls must grow up, must grow into women. Their beloved commander "Legs" is revealed as Peter Pan rather than Robin Hood, a leader who cannot follow them into the real world. She therefore takes the only decent course open to a mythic icon, feminist or otherwise: she disappears.

Madeline Wirtz is, we are told, 50 at the time of the story's telling, looking back at great remove upon the friends and dreams of her youth. It is here that Oates's novel fails to convince. Maddy's narrative is the breathless, naive and occasionally irritating nattering of a teenager, and her reflections are only ever those held over from adolescence: the book contains toofew of the insights or wisdoms of age. For example, Maddy remarks: "For every fact transcribed in these CONFESSIONS there are a dozen facts, a hundred facts, my God maybe a thousand left out . . . Can you tell the truth if it isn't the *entire* truth? — and what *is* truth?" Surely this last is a question that, by the age of fifty, all but philosophers keep to themselves?

But 50-year-old Maddy *does* know, although she feigns not to: and she is, moreover, an expert manipulator of her tale. That Oates should bestow both narrative knowledge and power upon her character and yet then exhort her to deny them seems perverse and, in some way, hasty — a haste that is felt throughout the novel.

Despite its plethora of interesting ideas, the novel reads, ultimately, as though Oates had finished too quickly with confessions of a girl gang, fleshing out Maddy's story without bothering to work through the implications of remembering such a story. It is as if Oates's agile talent had already turned to the next project, before the flame of *Foxfire* had quite burnt itself out.

GRAHAM WOOD

From Chappaquidick scandal to teenage angst: Joyce Carol Oates's experimental temperament never settles for long on one subject

On the road to hell

Christina Koning

JESUS' SON
By Denis Johnson
Faber, £14.99

THE QUEST FOR DR U
By Hans Carl Artmann
Atlas, £7.99 pbk original

THE CYCLOPEAN MISTRESS
By Peter Redgrove
Bloodaxe, £7.95

HALLOWED GROUND
By Robert Edric
Sunk Island Publishing, £6.99

THE TITLE of Denis Johnson's collection is from the Lou Reed song, "Heroin"; and heroin is the thread connecting all these stories. "Car Crash While Hitchhiking", which is narrated, like the others, in the first person, sets the tone. A man accepts a lift from a family driving through Missouri, despite a premonition that they are about to be involved in a fatal accident. Woken from his drug-induced stupor by the impact of the crash, he finds himself unharmed, but covered in someone else's blood. At the hospital, he hears a woman screaming as she is told the news of her husband's death: "I felt wonderful to be alive to hear it! I've gone looking for that feeling everywhere."

A sense of emotional disengagement pervades all these fictions. Successive stories show the protagonist getting involved in petty crime to pay for his habit, attending an abortion clinic with his girlfriend and working in the casualty ward of a local hospital. In each case, the body count is fairly high. People are murdered, or kill themselves with overdoses. Friends and lovers are routinely betrayed in the pursuit of drugs. The cumulative effect of all this would be depressing but, like many writers of the "dirty realist" school, Johnson is a romantic at heart, with an eye for the austere beauty of the mid-western landscape and a fondness for lyrical epiphanies.

DEVILS, shamans, werewolves, ghouls, fairies and quick-change artists form the cast of Hans Carl Artmann's surreal fantasy, which first appeared in German in 1977, and follows the narrator's search for his alter ego, the diabolical Dr Unspeakable, mass-murderer and master of disguise. The quest takes in a number of places — Carnac, Penzance, Tintagel — whose occult associations provide an excuse for a series of digressions on subjects ranging from Celtic mythology to the spaghetti western, ending up in that most popular of surrealist locations: the cinema. Here, the versatile Dr U performs the last of his transformations, and the whole elaborate contrivance is revealed as no more than a literary conjuring trick — a belated homage to Marcel Duchamp and the boys.

PETER Redgrove's collected short fiction offers a different slant on the surrealist experiment. These pieces, spanning 30 years of writing, describe a range of subjects, many of them erotic, in a vivid, dreamlike language. In the title story, a beautiful woman with a single eye in the middle of her forehead — like a figure in a Max Ernst painting — instructs the narrator in the importance of "unified vision". If there is a unifying factor in these writings, it is their preoccupation with sex, and with the female body. In "Dance the Putrefact" a man fashions a woman out of mud, and then buries himself in her in an orgy of self-abnegation; in "Luminous Collar", the fold of a woman's blouse reminds her lover of her vulva. There are moments when the intimacy of the writing seems more suited to a love letter or a private journal.

The concealment of shameful knowledge is central to Robert Edric's novella, which is set in a small town in southern Germany in 1945. Here, the British and American officers in charge of interrogating German prisoners of war have to sift through a mass of half-truths and disinformation to discover which of their captives are guilty of war crimes. Although he offers no new interpretation of his subject, Edric evokes the bitterness of a defeated community and the war-weariness of the occupying forces with conviction.

Was this poetic justice?

Robert Nye

THE ERN MALLEY AFFAIR
By Michael Heyward
Faber, £15.99

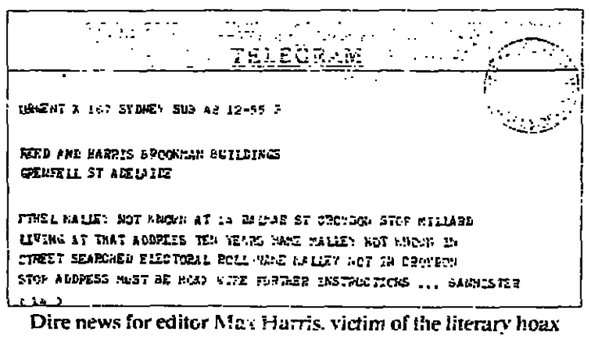
The Ern Malley affair is one of the most instructive and amusing literary hoaxes of all time. What happened was that in October 1942, Max Harris, the arbiter of Australian verse of the then-fashionable "Apocalyptic" kind, received out of the blue a package of poems said to have been written by a recently deceased poet, one Ern Malley, sometime garage-hand, forwarded to him by Ern's loving sister Ethel. A simple soul, Ethel admitted that she could not make head nor tail of her brother's writings herself, but then she had been told by the local librarian that modern poetry often seemed obscure to ordinary folk, and perhaps Mr Harris might know better?

Mr Harris certainly thought he did. He gave over the next issue of his influential magazine *Angry Penguins* to the complete works of the dead genius, with notes and commentary, promoting lines like these as the antipodean answer to Dylan Thomas: *In the twenty-fifth year of my age/I find myself to be a dromedary/That has run short of water between/One oasis and the next mirage.*

Others beside the gullible Max were also impressed — among them Herbert Read and (it was rumoured) T.S. Eliot. The artist Sidney Nolan even painted some pictures based on Ern Malley's imagery, a vivid amalgam of neo-romantic surrealism and good old-fashioned unintelligibility.

Then, at the height of a critical furore which promised to make Ern Malley the most famous Australian since Ned Kelly, the kangaroo droppings really hit the fan. Enquiries at Ethel's alleged address in a Sydney suburb revealed that she did not exist, and, what is more, that there had never been a poetic Ern either.

Two young poets serving in the army stepped forward. Their names were James McAuley and Harold Stewart, and they had (they confessed) knocked off the complete works of "Ern Malley" in one afternoon, just to see if it could be done, and as a protest against pretension. They declared that they had patched together all sorts of random stuff to make their genius, from obscure bits of Shakespeare to lines lifted straight from an Ameri-



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Dire news for editor Max Harris, victim of the literary hoax

The astronomer and the dwarf

Michael Wright

THE DORK OF CORK
By Chet Raymo
Bloomsbury, £14.99

Never mind that this colourful little novel was written by an American professor of physics and astronomy. Never mind that it has a Hollywood B-movie dustjacket. Chet Raymo has penned a fine work whose lightness is not to be mistaken for levity, whose romanticism steers wide of sentimentality, and whose blurring of the margin between science and art is especially welcome at a time when the two camps (crazed "subjective" experimentation in the blue corner, crazed "objective" experimentation in the red) seem hell-bent on alienating one another and leaving simple humanity languishing somewhere in between.

Frank Bois, an Irish dwarf with a taste and talent for star-gazing, is the novel's narrator, hero and anti-hero. His frank chronicle of his messy life runs from his far-from immaculate conception in the hold of a US troopship, via lunar eclipses, childhood traumas, flaring comets and unrequited passions, to the successful publication of his memoir, "Nightstalk". This is the account of a 43-inch 43-year-old burning with lust, self-hatred and a love of the stars.

The Dork of Cork is about ways of seeing, from reflecting telescopes to religious visions, from Frank's glorious descriptions of the night sky to his blistering portrayal of what he perceives as his own ugliness; from his obsessive voyeurism, astronomic and pornographic, to his experience on the other side of the lens, when he is paraded as a freak to promote his book.

Raymo is as adept at pointing out the ways in which everyday life conforms to the laws of quantum physics as he is at evoking the sheer spine-tingling loveliness of the night sky. From the blue corner, shamefully, I confess to having been surprised that an astrophysicist should be capable of achieving this, let alone of writing — in spangled, jangling prose — so delightful a novel.

Phantom of the feminist opera

Frances Stead Sellers

THE GIRL WHO TROD ON A LOAF
By Kathryn Davis
Hamish Hamilton, £10.99

Frances Thorn, the narrator of this intricate and unsettling gothic novel, works as a waitress in an upstate New York diner to support her twin daughters. Despite the advantages of family money and an excellent education, she displays a troubling proclivity for shoplifting and a curious obsession with left-luggage lockers. And she is haunted by the ghost of a woman almost twice her age, Helle Ten Brix, composer and murderess.

Born in 1897, Helle was an "old Danish lesbian" who looked "more like a mantis than a woman". During her lifetime she took an uncanny interest in Frances, befriending the twins and prying into Frances's (heterosexual) affairs. When she dies, Helle leaves Frances an unfinished opera entitled "The Girl Who Trod on a Loaf" which she asks Frances to complete "in a manner compatible with my intentions".

Her opera is inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale about a girl, adopted by rich benefactors, who steps on a loaf of bread intended to feed her hungry family rather than soil her fancy new shoes in a bog. As a punishment the girl sinks to the bottom of the bog to become a statue in the devil's courtyard. In Helle's operatic version, however, the girl is a heroine, who uses the loaf, a symbol of female oppression, as her stepping stone.

In her attempt to complete the work, the narrator (and the novel) gets bogged down in a painstakingly elaborate reconstruction of Helle's musical compositions and the story of her life. This includes her mother's conspicuous adultery and early death, and Helle's subsequent escape from a cruel stepmother to the Copenhagen conservatory, where she passes herself off as a man.

The novel is almost redeemed by its dramatic climax: a masked ball, promising the theatrical extravagance of grand opera, which the dying Helle arranges to celebrate her last birthday. Disguised as a grotesque bird, Helle confronts Frances who is dressed as the virgin priestess Turandot and attended by her lover in a death's head-mask.

It is in such darkly evocative moments, and her depiction of an ominous Danish landscape where myth intersects disconcertingly with reality, that Davis's descriptive powers triumph. But the background finally swamps the story, and the scenery obscures the performance.

Hitler's champion on the campus

Daniel Johnson

MARTIN HEIDEGGER
A Political Life
By Hugo Ott
Translated by Allan Blunden
Harper Collins, £20

Few defenders of the indefensible have ever been as successful, and at times even eloquent, as the long campaign waged by and on behalf of the German philosopher Martin Heidegger since 1945. From the ignominy of denazification hearings before a committee of former colleagues at Freiburg University and a ban on teaching imposed by the French occupying authorities that remained in force until 1951, Heidegger emerged to become more celebrated and especially in France and America, more influential than ever before. By the time of his death in 1976, Heidegger was not merely rehabilitated, but revered. His version of his career between 1933 and 1945 was accepted even by those who abhorred his apparent lack of remorse.

It was more than a decade after the philosopher's death that a Chilean ex-pupil of Heidegger, Victor Farías, caused a furore in France with his book *Heidegger et le Nazisme*, which confronted the academic world with the ugly truth for the first time. It was Farías who suffered denigration from the Heideggerians, especially in Germany; but besides his own investigation, he relied heavily on the hitherto little-noticed research of a Freiburg economist, Hugo Ott, who had assiduously combed the archives to detect Heidegger's lies and evasions about his past.

Now Ott has published his own book, and it is an even more damning indictment. Although he admits that there is still more digging to be done, as former East German archives yield up their secrets, and as the Heidegger family disgorges undisclosed papers and correspondence, the broad picture is now clear. Heidegger was indeed "ein ganz guter" as the French classified him, throughout the 12 years of the Third Reich. He remained to the end of the war a loyal and privileged civil servant and Nazi party member.

Worse, he was politically ambitious, having engineered his own elevation to the rectorship of Freiburg. He set about using his position for his own self-aggrandisement. Heidegger appears to have seen himself as the true prophet of the "inner greatness" of National Socialism. He tried to reorganise the German university system according to the *Führer-prinzip*.

When that failed, he concentrated on Freiburg, where he was zealous in carrying out the purge of Jews, pacifists and other dissidents "to the letter". He was ruthless, petty and vindictive in his treatment of colleagues; nor was he above anti-Semitism, albeit selective: the fact that some of his teachers, friends and pupils, including his girlfriend Hannah Arendt, had been Jews only made his sacrifices worse. He denounced his former patrons and colleagues (even the Catholic church) only to solicit — and receive — their help when he needed it after 1945. So far from resisting the Nazi onslaught upon academic freedom, he demonstrated the old order with all the prestige and gravitas that he could muster. He was a prime mover in setting up summer camps for students, the purpose of which was the "lively inculcation of the aims of a National Socialist revolution".

Even when he was faced with the failure of his bid for power, because the party preferred to promote its own long-standing mediocrities, Heidegger declared that his aim all along had been "the radical transformation of scientific education in line with the dynamics and dictates of the National Socialist state". Heidegger played with fire and burnt his fingers, but he was "a willing sacrifice" for the sake of Adolf Hitler: "The Führer himself and he alone *is* the German reality, present and future, and its law." Such sacrifices were not, of course, to be taken literally: when in the last months of the war Heidegger and other academics were marched off to dig trenches in accordance with the Führer's general mobilisation, his friends in the hierarchy saw to it that he was almost immediately exempted.

When fate, in the form of the French army, caught up with Martin Heidegger, he was hiding in the mountains as the guest of one of his students, who just happened to be a princess. His wife Elfride, who was an activist within the Nazi women's organisations, refused help from a visiting French officer who offered to make enquiries about their two sons, lost on the Russian front. But Heidegger was less rigid: he soon saw that the French would be his salvation: for it was in Paris that Sartre's existentialism, based on Heidegger's *Being and Time*, was beginning its triumphant progress.

The hostility towards Heidegger at Freiburg was intense: among his opponents there were Walter Eucken and Franz Böhm, two of the intellectual founders of the post-war social-market economy, and even his fellow philosopher and former friend, Karl Jaspers, recommended that he should lose his chair. Heidegger was lucky to escape more severe punishment: unlike his friend Carl Schmitt, the only other major thinker who sought to become a Nazi ideologue, Heidegger did not suffer imprisonment or the loss of his library.

Ott does not offer a complete account of the life, still less attempt to interpret the philosophy. But those who are serious about Heidegger's thought will have to deal with the facts that Ott has painstakingly assembled. They will no longer be satisfied with the pleas in mitigation which even Heidegger's critics such as George Steiner have offered in the past, mistakenly relying on Heidegger's word as they did. Any new documents that emerge in the future are more than likely to damage Heidegger's already irreparable reputation still further. What remains?

Heidegger: tyrant of Freiburg

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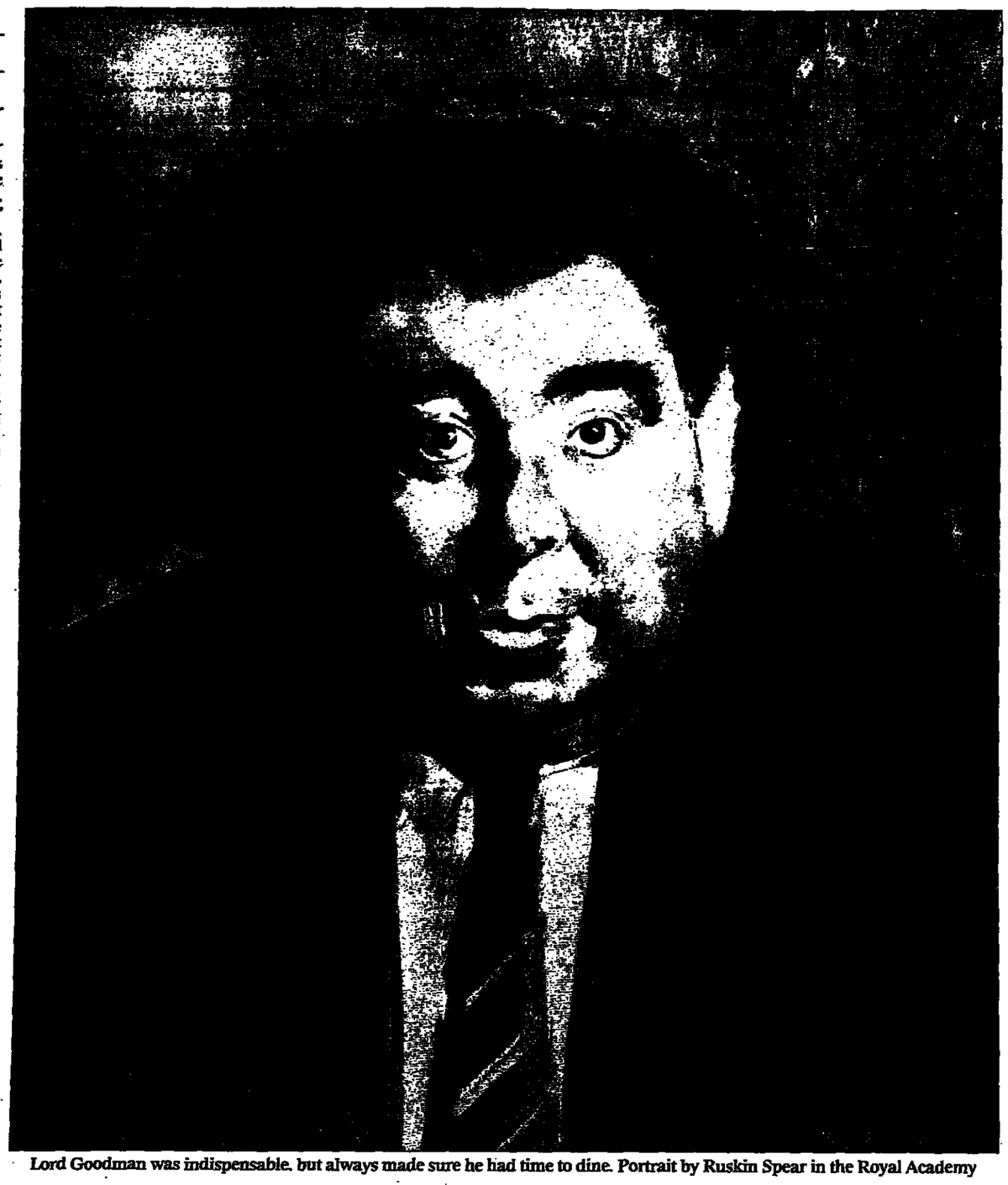
The great and the Goodman

Victoria Glendinning feasts on the candid memoirs of the man who played chief troubleshooter for Britain's artistic, political and business bigwigs



Lord Goodman was indispensable, but always made sure he had time to dine. Portrait by Ruskin Spear in the Royal Academy

Arnold Goodman is an octogenarian London solicitor. His legal practice expanded in all directions, like his massive person — visibly, into public life, and less visibly into an unprecedented personal position as adviser, negotiator, troubleshooter, conciliator and Grand Vizier to Britain's social, artistic, commercial and political bigwigs. His autobiography, which is quite outrageously entertaining, should be read by everyone interested in the anatomy not only of Lord Goodman but of Britain.

Re-reading *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is the best preparation. Lord Goodman can play all the parts. He is Alice, making his way through a wonderland of encounters with irrational but powerful beings. He is the White Rabbit, always on his way to an important appointment. He is also the Walrus, and the Caterpiller, and the Mad Hatter, in that he operates in accordance with a perfect but abnormal logic. He has almost none of the scruples, sentiments or vagaries that add texture to argument for the average mortal. Thus the logic itself becomes surreal.

TELL THEM I'M ON MY WAY
By Arnold Goodman
Chapmans, £20

NOT AN ENGLISHMAN: Conversations with Lord Goodman
By David Selbourne
Sinclair-Stevenson, £17.99

Surveying his 80 years of life, he feels that he has been "inordinately fortunate". His autobiography is littered with phrases such as "quiet satisfaction", "a total success", "an absolute delight". He seems as indulgent to others as to himself: "I entertain hostility to virtually nobody." He entertains disapproval and contempt, however, as unstintingly as he entertained colleagues and clients in his comfortable flat in Ashley Gardens.

"It would be an impossibility to describe in detail and at length the activities in which I have been involved." They include the film industry, the publishing world, television, theatre and concert management. He represented the government in negotiating the Rhodesian settlement. A fortnight after joining the Arts Council, about which he knew "little or nothing", he agreed to chair it: "Most agreeable ... flattering to be asked."

He was always *there*, sometimes accountable to the public and sometimes behind the scenes. He was involved in the establishment of the National Theatre (and is funny about Laurence Olivier). He has been chairman of the *Observer*, and of the Newspaper Publishers' Association. The Hayward Gallery, English National Opera, the Royal Opera House, the Henry Moore Foundation, the British Council, the Open University ... there is almost no pie in which he has not had not so much a finger as a whole hand, as well as maintaining a foot in academe; he was for ten years Master of University College, Oxford. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s "the great and the good" meant "the great and the Goodman".

Barkis was always willing. He was not interested in personal publicity, and did most of his public work unpaid. Money accrued from his practice. Dr Armand Hammer once retained him for a year, never consulting him but paying him presumably rather more than peanuts, just so that the other side couldn't hire him.

Goodman's strategy, on behalf of any client or institution, is to go straight to the top, even if that means nobbling the Auditor General or the Queen. There is a chapter called "Meeting People", which provides some clues. His anecdotes are lyric poems to wire-pulling.

Here is one story, out of dozens: The daughter of "a leading paediatrician" was, with her husband, thrown into jail in South Africa for political activities. The paediatrician rang his friend Lord Rayne, who rang Lord Goodman, who rang Winston Churchill MP, who rang his stepfather Averill Harriman in America, who spoke to the State Department, who sent telegraphs to the South African government. The young woman was released.

That's how it's done, folks. And her husband? He "remained in jail and in fact served a very long sentence".

All autobiography is selective. The story of Ronnie Kray's connection with Lord Boothby (for whom Goodman acted in successful negotiations with the *Sunday Mirror*), as outlined by John Pearson in last week's *Sunday Times*, is one of many that he has not chosen to tell.

He has never joined any political party. He calls himself a pragmatist, and a traditionalist, and sits on the crossbenches in the Lords. But he will always be associated with the premiership of Harold Wilson. The chapter entitled "The Labour Years" is deeply interesting. Wilson's urge to consult Goodman constantly and in private was flattering, as he concedes. Goodman is indulgent but critical: Wilson's chief faults were vanity and indecision, he was "half-educated" and philistine, and showed poor judgment in regard to "certain advisers".

It becomes ever clearer how fiercely Wilson's closet confidants, many of them Jewish like Goodman himself, came to resent one another. Goodman tells how he declined the offer of one of Lord Kagan's famous raincoats. Lord Weidenfeld, another of Wilson's wise men, gets but a single throw-away mention. Goodman, who received his peerage in 1965, protested against Wilson's 1976 Honours list, in which both these other gentlemen were ennobled. His contempt falls most heavily on those who actively solicit honours. His own came unsought, like the gentle rain from heaven.

"Let me have men about me that are fat," said Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, anticipating Lord Goodman who could no doubt have negotiated a settlement with Cassius and who, on his first page, describes "the delicious egg-and-cress sandwiches, chocolate eclairs, scones and raspberry or strawberry jam" that he enjoyed on trips to the Trocadero with his father in childhood — to be followed by an "ample supper" prepared by his wonderful mother at home.

He recalls the "substantial luncheons" to be had in his young days for 1s 6d at Manzoni's in Holborn — escalope of veal with spaghetti, sauté potatoes, and brussels sprouts, plus suet roll with golden syrup for an extra 4d. The last paragraph of his book dwells on the egg dishes, "quite exceptional delicacies", prepared by Dorothy Rothschild's cook. The low priority given to serious food by Oxford dons baffled him. Wilson used always to summon him for discussions at 8pm. Goodman finally asked whether he could come rather later, "because I like to dine". Soup of the evening, beautiful soup. Lord Goodman does not drink or smoke.

His background was not privileged; he describes it as lower middle class, and himself as "not an Englishman, but a Jew born in England". His mother's attitude to her two sons was one of "total admiration". When young Arnold enlisted in 1939, she sent him off with "specially soft blankets", a camp bed, and a mattress, on which he slept sweetly while his companions lay on palliasses. When he caught German measles at Cambridge, his mother visited him three or four times, "demonstrating the superiority of Jewish maternity over any other kind".

He reveals nothing about his private life except that he owes a debt of gratitude to "a small number of women who over the years have given me their affection and often more than their affection". He calls himself an accidental bachelor. Perhaps no woman could sustain his mother's standard of total admiration. His interpretation of Lady Falkender's hold over Wilson is that he was simply frightened of her. He is dismissive enough about women in the autobiography, but a fuller truth emerges in *Not An Englishman*, which is a circular, repetitive but riveting record of conversations with David Selbourne. "I have a deep-seated conviction that women are intellectually inferior to men." That's just for starters. He seems to see females either as the White Queen — stupid and dotty — or as the Red Queen — self-assertive and dotty. "There is something tragic about women."

"Curiouser and curiouser," said Alice.

When Britain was all at sea

Tom Pocock

THE CHURCHILL WAR PAPERS, VOLUME I
At the Admiralty
Edited by Martin Gilbert
Heinemann, £75

If the two world wars are seen as one, divided by a 20-year break at half-time, the figure of Winston Churchill bestrides both, for in each he served as First Lord of the Admiralty. What is now a minor ministerial post (with a grandiose title) was one of the great offices of state when Churchill returned to the Admiralty from September 1939 to May 1940. In 1914, as in 1939, the final arbiter in international dispute was seen to be the guns of British battleships.

Both Churchill's terms as First Lord ended in naval and military disasters — the Gallipoli and Norwegian campaigns. He was blamed for both: the first perched like a vulture on his shoulder even in 1939; the second was dogged by the same sort of indecision and delay as the first. Yet after this second calamity, the blame was deflected to Neville Chamberlain and Churchill became prime minister.

Martin Gilbert, Churchill's tireless biographer, has assembled what might be seen as his raw material. It is more contrived than that, for he has combined memoranda, Cabinet minutes and correspondence with extracts from memoirs, including Churchill's own. Enthralling as it is, it is not wholly successful, lacking a narrative flow. And readers may want to skip familiar snippets of "Chips" Channon's or Sir Alexander Cadogan's books.

To both his spells at the Admiralty, Churchill brought a Nelsonian relish in his task and his fame and a delight in detail ashore or afloat. He ordered that the Admiralty emulate the Air Ministry in providing candles and matches in every room in case of emergencies, and enjoyed choosing the right names for ships: "*Benbow* is a better name than *Bellerophon* — easier for the sailors to pronounce." Usually the detail was strategic or technical — laying mine barrages, armouring warships against bombing (then thought a lesser danger than shellfire) and signalling to admirals in distant flagships.

He knew that the navy had to change and realised that regular naval officers should no longer be drawn almost exclusively from the upper social strata. So he took up the case of Ivan Hearder, the son of a chief petty officer, with a brilliant academic record, who aspired to a regular commission. When Hearder was still rejected as "unfit for naval service", Churchill minuted that "one must be particularly careful that class prejudice does not enter into these decisions" and threatened to overrule the selection board. Hearder won his cadetship and commission and served with distinction.

Unlike the army, the navy was fully engaged from the outbreak of war — facing attack by submarine, mine and raider, and imponderables such as the Russian attack on Finland. There is piquancy in reading forecasts of the course of the war, particularly when fears or optimism were wildly misplaced. In autumn 1939 Churchill gives his opinion of the threat to Singapore: "It is not considered possible that the Japanese, who are a prudent people ... would embark upon such a mad enterprise."

The papers exhume some forgotten crises, such as the invasion scare of October 1939. Plans for the defence were hurriedly implemented until the alarm ended with the thought that "it might be a 'red herring' to draw us off the track of ... an attack, not on Great Britain, but on Holland." Churchill never lost sight of the threat to the Low Countries, having vainly warned Chamberlain in the second week of the war that "the French frontier behind Belgium should be fortified night and day by every conceivable resource".

When, in April 1940, Churchill was also appointed chairman of the military co-ordination committee, composed of the three service ministers and the three chiefs of staff, he complained that the cabinet was not listening to their advice. Frustrating to him as this was, it was a useful dress rehearsal for his real test that was to begin in the following month. His performance at the Admiralty had already cast him as leading man.

Lions led by donkeys

Henry Stanhope

ODD MAN OUT
By Peter Elphick and Michael Smith
Hodder & Stoughton, £17.99

CIRCLES OF HELL
By Eric Morris
Hutchinson, £20

CITADEL
The Battle of Kursk
By Robin Cross
Michael O'Mara, £19.99

Enshrined on a war memorial in Singapore, among those of his regiment killed during the 1942 Japanese invasion, is the name of Captain P.V.S. Heenan. A similar inscription may be seen at Cheltenham College, among those of old boys who have died with honour for their country.

Sadly, Heenan's place is undeserved. Far from trying to save Singapore from its fate, he did his damnedest to help bring about its fall. Nor was it a Japanese bullet which destroyed him. Convicted at a court martial as a traitor, he was shot in the back of the head by a British sergeant and his body dumped in the black waters of Singapore harbour. His death closed an inglorious paragraph in our history, which was then rubbed from the page.

The story is not without pathos. Heenan was born in a New Zealand mining town, the illegitimate child of one Annie Stanley. After moving to England she somehow got him to public school where he was good at games. But academic failure, together with his dark, un-English complexion, soon helped to make him seem an "odd man out".

Commissioned into the Indian army and posted to Malaya in 1940, he soon made himself so unpopular in the mess that two commanding officers in turn had him transferred — the second time partly because of his suspicious lifestyle.

Amazingly the army transferred him to intelligence — as liaison officer on an air base in Malaya. Not even his biographers pretend that without Heenan the Japanese could never have invaded. But his access to information on air movements and dispositions must have made him a significant addition to their armoury — especially as the British were so sluggish in apprehending him, even after his betrayal was accepted.

Painstakingly researched despite the lack of official sources, this is the first full account of "the officer traitor affair" and a compelling tale with a moral on almost every page.

The same comments might be passed on *Circles of Hell*, an account of the war in Italy 1943-5. Eric Morris has written a a challenging, acerbic critique in which none of the allied war lords is spared.

He categorises the war in Italy as one of the great defensive campaigns of modern times, but only as far as the Germans were concerned. Assisted by the weather and the terrain, they displayed a mastery of military skills and repeatedly outclassed the advancing Allies. He largely absolves the rank-and-file from blame. Once more, however, the lions were led by donkeys. Bereft of tactical ideas, the latter relied on brute force and firepower to see them through.

Morris picks out Gerald Templer (later to distinguish himself in Malaya) as the most promising British general but disagreements between the Americans and the British made this the most acrimonious campaign of the war.

Should they have been in Italy at all? The original plan had been only to seize Sicily, an objective urged by the British in order to control the Mediterranean. Although the campaign kept German troops in the peninsula, it also engaged even more of the Allies. Morris has written an engrossing, fast-moving narrative.

German powers of recovery in the field were displayed even more graphically after Stalingrad. Despite the battering received by Hitler's army in the east, it still managed to re-take Kharkhov a month later, enabling Hitler to return to the offensive.

The result was Operation *Zitadelle* (Citadel), launched across the Kursk salient in the Ukraine. It took three months to prepare and two weeks to fight and became known as the most awesome clash of armour in world history. Hitler prophesied that it would decide the second world war, and to that extent he was right.

The Germans found the Russians waiting for them, alerted by intelligence from the "Lucy" spy network in Switzerland. They were first held, then driven back as the Red Army counter-attacked, never again to re-capture the initiative they had lost.

Citadel is an absorbing, wholly accessible account of the battle half-a-century ago. Cross's broad thesis, that this was the greatest single battle of the war, is a claim which few might seriously dispute.

Shameful secrets of free-trading nations

David Willetts

TRADING FREE: The Gatt and US Trade Policy
By Patrick Low
Brookings Institution/Twentieth Century Fund Press, £19.50

DOGFIGHT: The Transatlantic Battle over Airbus
By Ian McIntyre
Praeger, £34.50

THE NEW PROTECTIONISM: Protecting the future against free trade
By Tim Lang and Colin Hines
Earthscan, £10.95 pbk original

TRADE POLICY is an Orwellian world in which three great powers — America, Japan and the European Community — vie for advantage. Moreover, advantage is always thought to mean benefit for a nation's producers, never for its consumers. That makes it a topsy-turvy world in which it is a "concession" to allow one's citizens freely to buy what they want. The sheer stupidity of it all is breathtaking. The notorious Multi-Fibre Agreement, for example, has been estimated to increase the cost of clothing to the average American household by £238 per year in order to retain some 235,000 jobs.

Patrick Low's book is a lucid and intelligent guide through the maze of international trade negotiations. It combines a history of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), for which Low works, with an analysis of trade issues and the role of American government. International trade negotiations used to be the prerogative of the president, but as Congress has become more involved over the past 20 years so the pressure to protect particular American industries has intensified. Congress got used to behaving badly when it had no power and could engage in protectionist talk without any real damage being done. Now such attitudes can have a direct and destructive impact.

Although his book focuses narrowly on American policy, Low's own figures show that on just about any measure of protectionism the EC is the worst offender of the three main trading powers. Indeed it is a moot point whether much EC policy from the common agricultural policy onwards is compatible with Gatt obligations. As an official with the Gatt, Low eschews dramatic conclusions, but his analysis suggests that it is in deep trouble.

That pessimism is supported by Ian MacIntyre's story of the Airbus. The shameless subsidy for this joint European venture is difficult to reconcile with Gatt rules. McIntyre traces the origins of the Airbus back to the French fear in the 1960s of *le défi americain*. The pace hots up in the mid-1980s as the Americans begin to see the Airbus as a serious threat to their commercial aircraft makers. The clear impression left by McIntyre's detailed and readable account of American pressure on the Europeans to play fair is that when the French and British negotiate in alliance the Americans are liable to be outwitted.

For Lang and Hines it is the Third World which is always the loser. They assume that the West is rich because the Third World is poor; there is no recognition of the enormous productive capacity created within the first world. They say they are against the free market and free trade; but their own economic theory is garbled to the point of being incomprehensible. Their politics is as muddled as their economics — this is one of those books which manages to combine an indictment of incompetent politicians with a touching faith that greater political direction of national economies could somehow make things better.

Europe's Airbus: a threat to America's civil aircraft industry

Nevertheless the book does plant the seeds of doubt. Do all of our current trading arrangements make sense in the long term? Sitting in a restaurant in Washington drinking a bottle of Perrier, one does wonder whether the costs of transportation have been fully taken into account in the price of the drink. How has it become rational for croissants to be baked in Spain for sale in north London?

But such insights can be incorporated into the framework of free market economics. And the authors' policy agenda largely comprises ideas such as resource taxes and tradable pollution permits which are impeccably free market. Indeed I find myself in the odd position of agreeing much more with the book's conclusions than with its underlying assumptions. Perhaps there is a way forward after all.

The Times guide to the

CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Saturday August 14

Premiership
Arsenal v Coventry
Aston Villa v QPR
Chelsea v Blackburn
Liverpool v Sheffield Wed
Manchester City v Leeds
Newcastle v Tottenham
Oldham v Ipswich
Sheffield Utd v Swindon
Southampton v Everton
West Ham v Wimbledon

First division
Barnsley v West Bromwich
Charlton v Birmingham
Crystal Palace v Tranmere
Derby v Sunderland
Grimsby v Bolton
Leicester v Peterborough
Luton v Watford
Notts County v Middlesbrough
Oxford v Portsmouth
Southend v Notts Forest
Stoke v Millwall
Wolverhampton v Bristol City

Second division
Barnet v Hull
Bradford v Brighton
Brentford v Exeter
Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth
Burnley v Port Vale
Cambridge v Blackpool
Cardiff v Leyton Orient
Hartlepool v Fulham
Huddersfield v Reading
Plymouth v Stockport
Wrexham v Rotherham
York v Swansea

Third division
Bury v Northampton
Carlisle v Wycombe
Chester v Doncaster
Colchester v Lincoln
Darlington v Rochdale
Gillingham v Chesterfield
Hereford v Scarborough
Mansfield v Shrewsbury
Preston v Crewe
Walsall v Torquay
Wigan v Scunthorpe

Sunday August 15

Premiership
Norwich v Manchester Utd

Monday August 16

Premiership
Tottenham v Arsenal

Tuesday August 17

Premiership
Blackburn v Norwich
Everton v Manchester City
Ipswich v Southampton
Leeds v West Ham
Swindon v Oldham
Wimbledon v Chelsea

First division
Peterborough v Barnsley
Portsmouth v Charlton

Wednesday August 18

Premiership
Coventry v Newcastle
Manchester Utd v Sheffield Utd
QPR v Liverpool
Sheffield Wed v Aston Villa

First division
Notts Forest v Derby

Saturday August 21

Premiership
Blackburn v Oldham
Coventry v West Ham
Everton v Sheffield Utd
Ipswich v Chelsea
Leeds v Norwich
Manchester Utd v Newcastle
QPR v Southampton
Sheffield Wed v Arsenal
Tottenham v Manchester City
Wimbledon v Aston Villa

First division
Birmingham v Wolverhampton
Bolton v Stoke
Bristol City v Crystal Palace
Middlesbrough v Derby
Millwall v Southend
Notts Forest v Grimsby
Peterborough v Notts County
Portsmouth v Luton
Sunderland v Charlton
Tranmere v Leicester
Watford v Barnsley
West Bromwich v Oxford

Second division
Blackpool v Brentford
Bournemouth v Bradford
Brighton v Hartlepool
Exeter v York
Fulham v Cardiff
Hull v Plymouth
Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers
Port Vale v Barnet
Reading v Burnley
Rotherham v Huddersfield
Stockport v Cambridge
Swansea v Wrexham

Third division
Chesterfield v Hereford
Crewe v Colchester
Doncaster v Carlisle
Lincoln v Darlington
Rochdale v Gillingham
Scarborough v Preston
Scunthorpe v Bury
Shrewsbury v Walsall
Torquay v Wigan
Wycombe v Chester

Sunday August 22

Premiership
Swindon v Liverpool

Monday August 23

Premiership
Aston Villa v Manchester Utd

Tuesday August 24

Premiership
Arsenal v Leeds
Oldham v Coventry
Sheffield Utd v Wimbledon

First division
Barnsley v Middlesbrough
Charlton v Tranmere
Crystal Palace v Notts Forest
Grimsby v Portsmouth
Wolverhampton v Millwall

Wednesday August 25

Premiership
Chelsea v QPR
Liverpool v Tottenham
Manchester City v Blackburn
Newcastle v Everton
Norwich v Ipswich
Southampton v Swindon
West Ham v Sheffield Wed

Saturday August 28

Premiership
Arsenal v Everton
Aston Villa v Tottenham
Chelsea v Sheffield Wed
Liverpool v Leeds
Manchester City v Coventry
Norwich v Swindon
Oldham v Wimbledon
Sheffield Utd v Ipswich
Southampton v Manchester Utd
West Ham v QPR

First division
Barnsley v Birmingham
Charlton v Bolton
Crystal Palace v Portsmouth
Derby v Bristol City
Grimsby v Tranmere
Leicester v Millwall
Luton v Notts Forest
Notts County v Sunderland
Oxford v Watford
Southend v Peterborough
Stoke v West Bromwich
Wolverhampton v Middlesbrough

Second division
Barnet v Swansea
Bradford v Exeter
Brentford v Reading
Bristol Rovers v Fulham
Burnley v Leyton Orient
Cambridge v Hull
Cardiff v Brighton
Hartlepool v Bournemouth
Huddersfield v Stockport
Plymouth v Port Vale
Wrexham v Blackpool
York v Rotherham

Third division
Bury v Crewe
Carlisle v Rochdale
Chester v Chesterfield
Colchester v Northampton
Darlington v Torquay
Gillingham v Scarborough
Hereford v Lincoln
Mansfield v Scunthorpe
Preston v Doncaster
Walsall v Crewe
Wigan v Scarborough

Sunday August 29

Premiership
Newcastle v Blackburn

Monday August 30

Premiership
Leeds v Oldham

Tuesday August 31

Premiership
Blackburn v Arsenal
Everton v Aston Villa
Ipswich v Newcastle
Swindon v Manchester City
Tottenham v Chelsea
Wimbledon v Southampton

First division
Birmingham v Crystal Palace
Bolton v Oxford

Second division
Blackpool v Plymouth
Bournemouth v York
Exeter v Cardiff
Fulham v Wrexham
Hull v Brentford
Leyton Orient v Hartlepool
Port Vale v Cambridge
Rotherham v Burnley
Stockport v Bradford
Swansea v Huddersfield

Third division
Chesterfield v Mansfield
Colchester v Shrewsbury
Crewe v Northampton
Darlington v Scarborough
Gillingham v Doncaster
Hereford v Wycombe
Lincoln v Chester
Preston v Bury
Rochdale v Wigan
Torquay v Carlisle
Walsall v Scunthorpe

Wednesday September 1

Premiership
Coventry v Liverpool
Manchester Utd v West Ham
QPR v Sheffield Utd
Sheffield Wed v Norwich

First division
West Bromwich v Southend

Second division
Brighton v Bristol Rovers
Reading v Barnet

Saturday September 4

First division
Birmingham v Derby
Bolton v Crystal Palace
Bristol City v Southend
Middlesbrough v Leicester
Millwall v Barnsley
Notts Forest v Oxford
Peterborough v Grimsby
Portsmouth v Stoke
Sunderland v Luton
Tranmere v Notts County
Watford v Charlton
West Bromwich v Wolverhampton

Second division
Blackpool v Barnet
Bournemouth v Burnley
Brighton v Huddersfield
Exeter v Hartlepool
Fulham v Bradford
Hull v Bristol Rovers
Leyton Orient v York
Port Vale v Cardiff
Reading v Cambridge
Rotherham v Brentford
Stockport v Wrexham
Swansea v Plymouth

Third division
Chesterfield v Darlington
Crewe v Mansfield
Doncaster v Wigan
Lincoln v Preston
Northampton v Walsall
Rochdale v Chester
Scarborough v Carlisle
Scunthorpe v Hereford
Shrewsbury v Bury
Torquay v Colchester
Wycombe v Gillingham

Tuesday September 7

First division
Sunderland v Grimsby
Watford v Wolverhampton

Wednesday September 8

First division
Millwall v Notts County

Saturday September 11

Premiership
Arsenal v Ipswich
Aston Villa v Coventry
Chelsea v Manchester Utd
Manchester City v QPR
Norwich v Wimbledon
Oldham v Everton
Sheffield Utd v Tottenham
Southampton v Leeds
West Ham v Swindon

First division
Barnsley v Notts Forest
Charlton v Millwall
Crystal Palace v Sunderland
Derby v Peterborough
Grimsby v Watford
Leicester v Birmingham
Luton v Bolton
Notts County v West Bromwich
Oxford v Bristol City
Southend v Middlesbrough
Stoke v Tranmere
Wolverhampton v Portsmouth

Second division
Barnet v Bournemouth
Bradford v Blackpool
Brentford v Swansea
Bristol Rovers v Port Vale
Burnley v Fulham
Cambridge v Rotherham
Cardiff v Hull
Hartlepool v Stockport
Huddersfield v Exeter
Plymouth v Leyton Orient
Wrexham v Reading
York v Brighton

Third division
Bury v Wycombe
Carlisle v Chesterfield
Chester v Scunthorpe
Colchester v Rochdale
Darlington v Shrewsbury
Gillingham v Torquay
Hereford v Northampton
Lincoln v Mansfield
Preston v Doncaster
Walsall v Crewe
Wigan v Scarborough

Sunday September 12

Premiership
Liverpool v Blackburn

Monday September 13

Premiership
Newcastle v Sheffield Wed

Tuesday September 14

First division
Bristol City v Leicester
Middlesbrough v Stoke
Tranmere v Luton

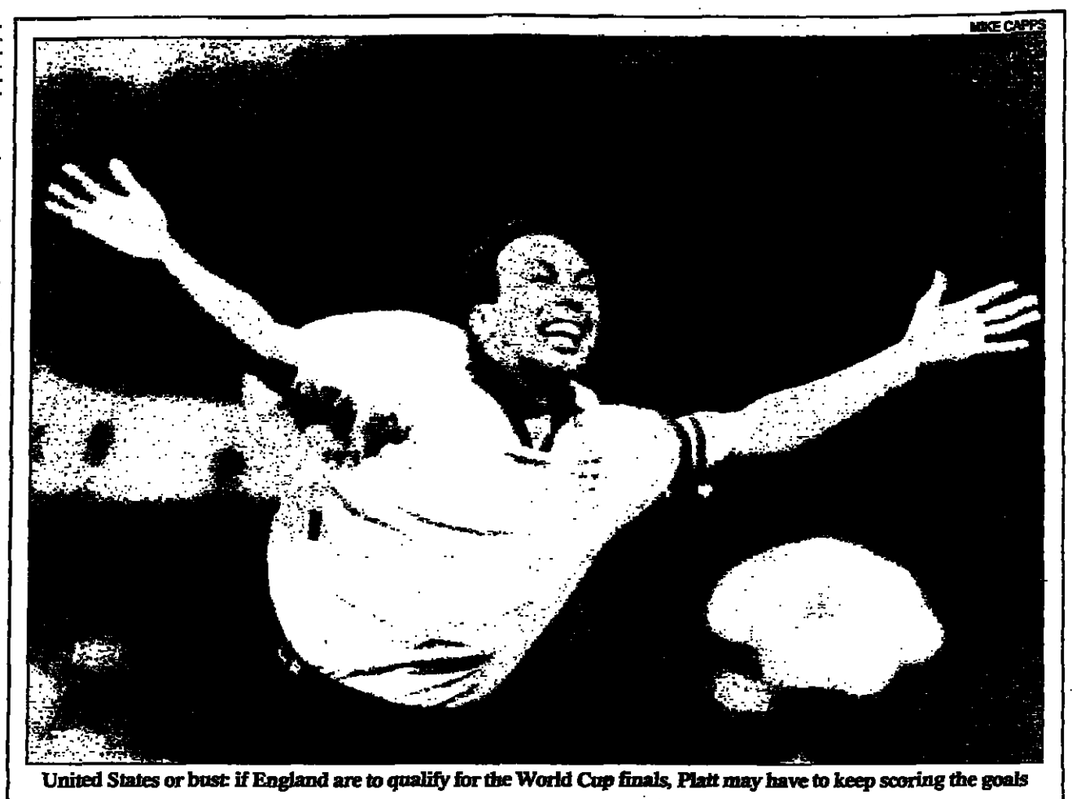
Second division
Barnet v Fulham
Bradford v Reading
Brentford v Leyton Orient
Burnley v Brighton
Cambridge v Swansea
Cardiff v Bournemouth
Hartlepool v Blackpool
Huddersfield v Port Vale
Plymouth v Rotherham
Wrexham v Hull
York v Stockport

Wednesday September 15

Second division
Bristol Rovers v Exeter

Saturday September 18

Premiership
Blackburn v West Ham
Coventry v Chelsea
Everton v Liverpool
Ipswich v Aston Villa
Leeds v Sheffield Utd
QPR v Norwich
Sheffield Wed v Southampton
Swindon v Newcastle
Tottenham v Oldham
Wimbledon v Manchester City



MIKE CAPPS

United States or bust: if England are to qualify for the World Cup finals, Platt may have to keep scoring the goals

England walk tightrope again

As Graham Taylor's crucial night nears, **Keith Pike** detects a sense of déjà vu

OCTOBER 17, 1973: the night a supposed clown in the Poland goal performed acrobatics to send England somersaulting out of the World Cup. Twenty-seven days from now, memories of that fateful match 20 years ago will be revived as England walk the tightrope of qualification for the 1994 finals in the United States.

Poland return to Wembley on September 8, by which time most of those charged with securing victory will have completed six games in the hurly burly of the FA Carling Premiership, which starts on Saturday.

The news that Alan Shearer might yet be fit to lead his attack will have warmed Graham Taylor's heart but more crucial still is the well-being of his captain, David Platt, who gets to work with his new Sampdoria colleagues a fortnight later. England's record of three wins in 14 games is bad enough but where would they have been without Platt, scorer of 13 of their last 22 goals.

Norway, the unbeaten qualifying group two leaders, are almost there. Victory over Poland, a draw against Holland in Rotterdam the following month and a triumph in San Marino in November should allow England to join them. Defeat against Poland would mean that England — who, as hosts, do not have to qualify for the 1996 European championship — would be left to contemplate three years without serious competitive international football.

Scotland are already virtually out of the World Cup but it would be a huge upset if Ireland have not made sure of qualification before meeting Northern Ireland in November. The task for Wales is simple: three wins from three games, all in Cardiff, and they will be through.

By that time, the British minnows will probably have departed the European club scene, leaving the likes of Manchester United, Rangers, Arsenal and Aston Villa to mix it with the Continent's elite.

Norwich City, too, will have savoured their first night of European football at Carrow Road but can they again upset the wealthy order in the league?

We may know soon enough. The first two weeks of the season brings them into conflict with Manchester United, the champions, this Sunday. Blackburn Rovers and Leeds United. Manchester United will also enjoy an early look at Aston Villa, the runners-up, when they meet at Villa Park on August 23.

Spare a thought, though, for Wycombe Wanderers, whose supporters must travel to Carlisle to see their club's first match in the Endsleigh Insurance League. Such insensitivity suggests a fixture computer with sadistic tendencies.

First division
Birmingham v Grimsby
Bolton v Leicester
Bristol City v Charlton
Middlesbrough v Luton
Millwall v Derby
Notts Forest v Stoke
Peterborough v Oxford
Portsmouth v Southend
Sunderland v Wolverhampton
Tranmere v Barnsley
Watford v Notts County
West Bromwich v Crystal Palace

Second division
Blackpool v Cardiff
Bournemouth v Cambridge
Brighton v Brentford
Exeter v Wrexham
Fulham v York
Hull v Huddersfield
Leyton Orient v Barnet
Port Vale v Hartlepool
Reading v Plymouth
Rotherham v Bristol Rovers
Stockport v Burnley
Swansea v Bradford

Third division
Chesterfield v Walsall
Crewe v Darlington
Doncaster v Mansfield
Lincoln v Bury
Northampton v Wigan
Rochdale v Hereford
Scarborough v Chester
Scunthorpe v Carlisle
Shrewsbury v Gillingham
Torquay v Preston
Wycombe v Colchester

Sunday September 19

Premiership
Manchester Utd v Arsenal

Saturday September 25

Premiership
Arsenal v Southampton
Blackburn v Sheffield Wed
Chelsea v Liverpool
Coventry v Leeds
Everton v Norwich
Manchester Utd v Swindon
Newcastle v West Ham
Oldham v Aston Villa
Sheffield Utd v Manchester City

First division
Barnsley v Leicester
Birmingham v Luton
Bolton v Notts Forest
Charlton v Crystal Palace
Grimsby v Wolverhampton
Notts County v Derby
Peterborough v Millwall
Portsmouth v Bristol City
Stoke v Southend
Tranmere v Oxford
Watford v Sunderland
West Bromwich v Middlesbrough

Second division
Blackpool v Bournemouth
Bradford v Cambridge
Brentford v Port Vale
Bristol Rovers v Burnley
Cardiff v Plymouth
Exeter v Swansea
Hartlepool v York
Huddersfield v Fulham
Leyton Orient v Brighton
Reading v Hull
Stockport v Rotherham
Wrexham v Barnet

Third division
Chester v Carlisle
Colchester v Bury
Darlington v Walsall
Gillingham v Scunthorpe
Hereford v Wigan
Lincoln v Northampton
Mansfield v Preston
Rochdale v Chesterfield
Scarborough v Shrewsbury
Torquay v Crewe
Wycombe v Doncaster

Sunday September 26

Premiership
Ipswich v Tottenham

Monday September 27

Premiership
Wimbledon v QPR

Saturday October 2

Premiership
Aston Villa v Newcastle
Leeds v Wimbledon
Liverpool v Arsenal
Manchester City v Oldham
Norwich v Coventry
QPR v Ipswich
Sheffield Wed v Manchester Utd
Southampton v Sheffield Utd
Swindon v Blackburn
West Ham v Chelsea

First division
Bristol City v Bolton
Crystal Palace v Stoke
Derby v West Bromwich
Leicester v Notts County
Luton v Barnsley
Middlesbrough v Birmingham
Millwall v Watford
Notts Forest v Portsmouth
Oxford v Grimsby
Southend v Tranmere
Sunderland v Peterborough
Wolverhampton v Charlton

Second division
Barnet v Bristol Rovers
Bournemouth v Stockport
Brighton v Exeter
Burnley v Hartlepool
Cambridge v Brentford
Fulham v Leyton Orient
Hull v Bradford
Plymouth v Huddersfield
Port Vale v Wrexham
Rotherham v Blackpool
Swansea v Reading
York v Cardiff

Third division
Bury v Mansfield
Carlisle v Gillingham
Chesterfield v Wycombe
Crewe v Lincoln
Doncaster v Rochdale
Northampton v Darlington
Preston v Colchester
Scunthorpe v Scarborough
Shrewsbury v Torquay
Walsall v Hereford
Wigan v Chester

Sunday October 3

Premiership
Tottenham v Everton

Saturday October 9

First division
Barnsley v Charlton
Derby v Luton
Grimsby v Southend
Leicester v Crystal Palace
Millwall v West Bromwich
Notts County v Bristol City
Oxford v Stoke
Peterborough v Portsmouth
Sunderland v Birmingham
Tranmere v Bolton
Watford v Middlesbrough
Wolverhampton v Notts Forest

Second division
Barnet v Cardiff
Brighton v Stockport
Bristol Rovers v Bradford
Burnley v Plymouth
Exeter v Reading
Fulham v Bournemouth
Hartlepool v Brentford
Leyton Orient v Rotherham
Port Vale v Hull
Swansea v Blackpool
Wrexham v Cambridge
York v Huddersfield

Third division
Bury v Wigan
Colchester v Scunthorpe
Crewe v Hereford
Darlington v Chester
Lincoln v Doncaster
Mansfield v Scarborough
Northampton v Wycombe
Preston v Chesterfield
Shrewsbury v Carlisle
Torquay v Rochdale
Walsall v Gillingham

Tuesday October 12

Third division
Northampton v Mansfield

Saturday October 16

Premiership
Arsenal v Manchester City
Chelsea v Norwich
Coventry v Southampton
Liverpool v Oldham
Manchester Utd v Tottenham
Newcastle v QPR
Sheffield Wed v Wimbledon
Swindon v Everton
West Ham v Aston Villa

First division
Birmingham v Watford
Bolton v Millwall
Bristol City v Barnsley
Charlton v Leicester
Crystal Palace v Wolverhampton
Luton v Notts County
Middlesbrough v Sunderland
Notts Forest v Tranmere
Portsmouth v Derby
Southend v Oxford
Stoke v Grimsby
West Bromwich v Peterborough

Second division
Blackpool v Port Vale
Bournemouth v Brighton
Bradford v Burnley
Brentford v Wrexham
Cambridge v Hartlepool
Cardiff v Bristol Rovers
Huddersfield v Barnet
Hull v Fulham
Plymouth v York
Reading v Leyton Orient
Rotherham v Swansea
Stockport v Exeter

Third division
Carlisle v Mansfield
Chester v Shrewsbury
Chesterfield v Torquay
Doncaster v Bury
Gillingham v Darlington
Hereford v Colchester
Rochdale v Walsall
Scarborough v Crewe
Scunthorpe v Northampton
Wigan v Preston
Wycombe v Lincoln

Sunday October 17

Premiership
Ipswich v Leeds

Monday October 18

Premiership
Blackburn v Sheffield Utd

Saturday October 23

Premiership
Aston Villa v Chelsea
Everton v Manchester Utd
Leeds v Blackburn
Manchester City v Liverpool
Norwich v West Ham
Oldham v Arsenal
QPR v Coventry
Sheffield Utd v Sheffield Wed
Tottenham v Swindon
Wimbledon v Ipswich

First division
Barnsley v Southend
Derby v Crystal Palace
Grimsby v Charlton
Leicester v Notts Forest
Millwall v Middlesbrough
Notts County v Portsmouth
Oxford v Luton
Peterborough v Birmingham
Sunderland v West Bromwich
Tranmere v Bristol City
Watford v Bolton
Wolverhampton v Stoke

Second division
Barnet v Cambridge
Brighton v Rotherham
Bristol Rovers v Plymouth
Burnley v Huddersfield
Exeter v Blackpool
Fulham v Stockport
Hartlepool v Bradford
Leyton Orient v Bournemouth
Port Vale v Reading
Swansea v Hull
Wrexham v Cardiff
York v Brentford

Third division
Bury v Hereford
Colchester v Wigan
Crewe v Rochdale
Hereford v Chester
Lincoln v Torquay
Mansfield v Gillingham
Northampton v Shrewsbury
Preston v Darlington
Scarborough v Doncaster
Scunthorpe v Wycombe
Wigan v Carlisle

Sunday October 24

Premiership
Southampton v Newcastle

Saturday October 30

Premiership
Arsenal v Norwich
Blackburn v Tottenham
Chelsea v Oldham
Ipswich v Everton
Liverpool v Southampton
Manchester Utd v QPR
Newcastle v Wimbledon
Sheffield Wed v Leeds
Swindon v Aston Villa

First division
Birmingham v Millwall
Bolton v Derby
Bristol City v Sunderland
Charlton v Oxford
Crystal Palace v Grimsby
Luton v Leicester
Middlesbrough v Peterborough
Notts Forest v Notts County
Portsmouth v Tranmere
Southend v Wolverhampton
Stoke v Barnsley
West Bromwich v Watford

Second division
Blackpool v Brighton
Bournemouth v Exeter
Bradford v York
Brentford v Barnet
Cambridge v Burnley
Cardiff v Hartlepool
Huddersfield v Bristol Rovers
Hull v Leyton Orient
Plymouth v Wrexham
Reading v Fulham
Rotherham v Port Vale
Stockport v Swansea

Third division
Carlisle v Walsall
Chester v Torquay
Chesterfield v Crewe
Doncaster v Northampton
Gillingham v Colchester
Hereford v Preston
Rochdale v Lincoln
Scarborough v Bury
Scunthorpe v Darlington
Wigan v Mansfield
Wycombe v Shrewsbury

Sunday October 31

Premiership
Coventry v Sheffield Utd

Monday November 1

Premiership
West Ham v Manchester City

Third division
Doncaster v Scunthorpe

Tuesday November 2

First division
Bolton v Peterborough
Bristol City v Birmingham
Charlton v Derby
Crystal Palace v Luton
Grimsby v Leicester
Oxford v Barnsley
Portsmouth v Middlesbrough
Tranmere v West Bromwich
Wolverhampton v Notts County

Second division
Blackpool v Hull
Bournemouth v Port Vale
Bradford v Huddersfield
Brentford v Cardiff
Cambridge v Plymouth
Exeter v Fulham
Hartlepool v Barnet
Rotherham v Reading
Stockport v Leyton Orient
Swansea v Burnley
York v Bristol Rovers

Third division
Carlisle v Lincoln
Chester v Bury
Chesterfield v Wigan
Darlington v Colchester
Gillingham v Hereford
Rochdale v Mansfield
Shrewsbury v Crewe
Torquay v Northampton
Walsall v Preston
Wycombe v Scarborough

Wednesday November 3

First division
Notts Forest v Millwall
Southend v Watford
Stoke v Sunderland

Second division
Brighton v Wrexham

Saturday November 6

Premiership
Arsenal v Aston Villa
Coventry v Everton
Ipswich v Sheffield Wed
Leeds v Chelsea
Liverpool v West Ham
Oldham v Newcastle
QPR v Blackburn
Sheffield Utd v Norwich
Southampton v Tottenham
Wimbledon v Swindon

First division
Barnsley v Grimsby
Birmingham v Notts Forest
Derby v Wolverhampton
Leicester v Southend
Luton v Charlton
Middlesbrough v Bristol City
Millwall v Oxford
Notts County v Crystal Palace
Peterborough v Tranmere
Sunderland v Portsmouth
Watford v Stoke
West Bromwich v Bolton

Second division
Barnet v Bradford
Bristol Rovers v Hartlepool
Burnley v York
Cardiff v Stockport
Fulham v Brighton
Huddersfield v Cambridge
Hull v Rotherham
Leyton Orient v Exeter
Plymouth v Brentford
Port Vale v Swansea
Reading v Blackpool
Wrexham v Bournemouth

Third division
Bury v Chesterfield
Colchester v Walsall
Crewe v Rochdale
Hereford v Chester
Lincoln v Torquay
Mansfield v Gillingham
Northampton v Shrewsbury
Preston v Darlington
Scarborough v Doncaster
Scunthorpe v Wycombe
Wigan v Carlisle

Sunday November 7

Premiership
Manchester City v Manchester Utd

Saturday November 13

First division
Bristol City v Millwall
Charlton v Notts County
Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough
Notts Forest v Peterborough
Oxford v Derby
Portsmouth v Watford
Southend v Luton
Stoke v Leicester
Tranmere v Sunderland
Wolverhampton v Barnsley

Saturday November 20

Premiership
Aston Villa v Sheffield Utd
Blackburn v Southampton
Chelsea v Arsenal
Everton v QPR
Manchester Utd v Wimbledon
Norwich v Manchester City
Sheffield Wed v Coventry
Swindon v Ipswich
Tottenham v Leeds
West Ham v Oldham

First division
Barnsley v Crystal Palace
Birmingham v Portsmouth
Derby v Grimsby
Leicester v Oxford
Luton v Wolverhampton
Middlesbrough v Bolton
Millwall v Tranmere
Notts County v Stoke

Peterborough v Charlton
Sunderland v Southend
Watford v Bristol City
West Bromwich v Notts Forest

Second division
Blackpool v Huddersfield
Bournemouth v Hull
Bradford v Plymouth
Brentford v Burnley
Brighton v Reading
Cambridge v Cardiff
Exeter v Port Vale
Hartlepool v Wrexham
York v Barnet

Third division
Carlisle v Preston
Chester v Northampton
Chesterfield v Scarborough
Darlington v Mansfield
Doncaster v Colchester
Gillingham v Wigan
Rochdale v Bury
Shrewsbury v Scunthorpe
Torquay v Hereford
Walsall v Lincoln
Wycombe v Crewe

Sunday November 21

Premiership
Newcastle v Liverpool

Monday November 22

Premiership
Chelsea v Manchester City

Tuesday November 23

Premiership
Blackburn v Coventry
Everton v Leeds
Swindon v QPR
Tottenham v Wimbledon

Wednesday November 24

Premiership
Aston Villa v Southampton
Manchester Utd v Ipswich
Newcastle v Sheffield Utd
Norwich v Liverpool
Sheffield Wed v Oldham
West Ham v Arsenal

Saturday November 27

Premiership
Arsenal v Newcastle
Coventry v Manchester Utd
Ipswich v Blackburn
Leeds v Swindon
Manchester City v Sheffield Wed
Oldham v Norwich
QPR v Tottenham
Sheffield Utd v Chelsea
Southampton v West Ham
Wimbledon v Everton

First division
Barnsley v Bolton
Birmingham v Tranmere
Derby v Southend
Leicester v Wolverhampton
Luton v Stoke
Middlesbrough v Charlton
Millwall v Grimsby
Notts County v Oxford
Peterborough v Bristol City
Sunderland v Notts Forest
Watford v Crystal Palace
West Bromwich v Portsmouth

Second division
Barnet v Rotherham
Bristol Rovers v Cambridge
Burnley v Exeter
Cardiff v Fulham
Hartlepool v Brighton
Huddersfield v Rotherham
Plymouth v Hull
Wrexham v Swansea
York v Exeter

Third division
Bury v Scunthorpe
Carlisle v Doncaster
Chester v Wycombe
Colchester v Crewe
Darlington v Lincoln
Gillingham v Rochdale
Hereford v Chesterfield
Mansfield v Northampton
Preston v Scarborough
Walsall v Shrewsbury
Wigan v Torquay

Sunday December 5

First division
Crystal Palace v Notts County

Wednesday December 8

Premiership
Aston Villa v Sheffield Wed
Chelsea v Wimbledon
Liverpool v QPR
Manchester City v Everton
Newcastle v Coventry
Norwich v Blackburn
Southampton v Ipswich
West Ham v Leeds

Tuesday December 7

Premiership
Arsenal v Tottenham
Oldham v Swindon
Sheffield Utd v Manchester Utd

Saturday December 11

Premiership
Arsenal v Sheffield Wed
Aston Villa v Wimbledon
Chelsea v Ipswich
Liverpool v Swindon
Manchester City v Tottenham
Newcastle v Manchester Utd
Norwich v Leeds
Oldham v Blackburn
Sheffield Utd v Everton
Southampton v QPR
West Ham v Coventry

First division
Barnsley v Peterborough
Charlton v Portsmouth
Crystal Palace v Birmingham
Derby v Notts County
Grimsby v Sunderland
Leicester v Bristol City
Luton v Tranmere
Notts County v Millwall
Oxford v Bolton
Southend v West Bromwich
Stoke v Middlesbrough
Wolverhampton v Watford

Second division
Barnet v Port Vale
Bradford v Bournemouth
Brentford v Blackpool
Bristol Rovers v Leyton Orient
Burnley v Reading
Cambridge v Stockport
Cardiff v Fulham
Hartlepool v Brighton
Huddersfield v Rotherham
Plymouth v Hull
Wrexham v Swansea
York v Exeter

Third division
Bury v Scunthorpe
Carlisle v Doncaster
Chester v Wycombe
Colchester v Crewe
Darlington v Lincoln
Gillingham v Rochdale
Hereford v Chesterfield
Mansfield v Northampton
Preston v Scarborough
Walsall v Shrewsbury
Wigan v Torquay

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Saturday December 18

Premiership
Blackburn v Manchester City
Coventry v Oldham
Everton v Newcastle
Ipswich v Norwich
Leeds v Arsenal
Manchester Utd v Aston Villa
Sheffield Wed v West Ham
Swindon v Southampton
Tottenham v Liverpool
Wimbledon v Sheffield Utd

First division
Birmingham v Charlton
Bolton v Grimsby
Bristol City v Wolverhampton
Middlesbrough v Notts County
Millwall v Stoke
Notts Forest v Southend
Peterborough v Leicester
Portsmouth v Oxford
Sunderland v Derby
Tranmere v Crystal Palace
Watford v Luton
West Bromwich v Barnsley

Second division
Blackpool v Cambridge
Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers
Brighton v Bradford
Exeter v Brentford
Fulham v Hartlepool
Hull v Barnet
Leyton Orient v Cardiff
Port Vale v Burnley
Reading v Huddersfield
Rotherham v Wrexham
Stockport v Plymouth
Swansea v York

Third division
Chesterfield v Gillingham
Crewe v Preston
Doncaster v Chester
Lincoln v Colchester
Northampton v Bury
Rochdale v Darlington
Scarborough v Hereford
Scunthorpe v Wigan
Shrewsbury v Mansfield
Torquay v Walsall
Wycombe v Carlisle

Monday December 20

Premiership
QPR v Chelsea

Sunday December 26

Premiership
Manchester Utd v Blackburn

Monday December 27

Premiership
Aston Villa v Manchester City
Everton v Sheffield Wed
Ipswich v West Ham
Newcastle v Leeds
QPR v Oldham
Sheffield Utd v Liverpool
Southampton v Chelsea
Swindon v Arsenal
Tottenham v Norwich
Wimbledon v Coventry

First division
Barnsley v Derby
Bolton v Sunderland
Grimsby v Notts County
Leicester v Watford
Millwall v Portsmouth
Notts Forest v Middlesbrough
Oxford v Crystal Palace
Peterborough v Luton
Southend v Charlton
Stoke v Birmingham
Tranmere v Wolverhampton
West Bromwich v Bristol City

Second division
Bournemouth v Brentford
Bradford v Rotherham
Brighton v Barnet
Bristol Rovers v Reading
Burnley v Wrexham
Cardiff v Swansea
Exeter v Plymouth
Fulham v Port Vale
Hartlepool v Huddersfield
Leyton Orient v Stockport
Stockport v Blackpool
York v Hull

Third division
Chesterfield v Doncaster
Colchester v Mansfield
Crewe v Wigan
Darlington v Carlisle
Gillingham v Northampton
Hereford v Shrewsbury
Lincoln v Scunthorpe
Preston v Chester
Rochdale v Scarborough
Torquay v Wycombe
Walsall v Bury

Tuesday December 28

Premiership
Arsenal v Sheffield Utd
Blackburn v Everton
Chelsea v Newcastle
Coventry v Ipswich
Leeds v QPR
Liverpool v Wimbledon
Manchester City v Southampton
Norwich v Aston Villa
Oldham v Manchester Utd
Sheffield Wed v Swindon
West Ham v Tottenham

First division
Birmingham v West Bromwich
Bristol City v Notts Forest
Charlton v Stoke
Crystal Palace v Southend
Derby v Leicester
Luton v Grimsby
Middlesbrough v Tranmere
Notts County v Barnsley
Portsmouth v Bolton
Sunderland v Millwall
Watford v Peterborough
Wolverhampton v Oxford

Second division
Barnet v Burnley
Blackpool v York
Brentford v Bradford
Cambridge v Exeter
Huddersfield v Cardiff
Hull v Hartlepool
Plymouth v Fulham
Port Vale v Leyton Orient
Reading v Stockport
Rotherham v Bournemouth
Swansea v Brighton
Wrexham v Bristol Rovers

Third division
Bury v Torquay
Carlisle v Crewe
Chester v Gillingham
Doncaster v Darlington
Mansfield v Hereford
Northampton v Preston
Scarborough v Colchester
Scunthorpe v Chesterfield
Shrewsbury v Lincoln
Wigan v Rochdale
Wycombe v Northampton

Saturday January 1

Premiership
Aston Villa v Blackburn
Everton v West Ham
Ipswich v Liverpool
Manchester Utd v Leeds
Newcastle v Manchester City
QPR v Sheffield Wed
Sheffield Utd v Oldham
Southampton v Norwich
Swindon v Chelsea
Tottenham v Coventry
Wimbledon v Arsenal

First division
Barnsley v Portsmouth
Bolton v Notts County
Grimsby v Bristol City
Leicester v Sunderland
Millwall v Crystal Palace
Notts Forest v Charlton
Oxford v Middlesbrough
Peterborough v Wolverhampton
Southend v Birmingham
Stoke v Derby
Tranmere v Watford
West Bromwich v Luton

Second division
Bournemouth v Plymouth
Bradford v Wrexham
Brighton v Cambridge
Bristol Rovers v Swansea
Burnley v Blackpool
Cardiff v Reading
Exeter v Hull
Fulham v Brentford
Hartlepool v Rotherham
Leyton Orient v Huddersfield
Stockport v Barnet
York v Port Vale

Third division
Chesterfield v Shrewsbury
Colchester v Chester
Crewe v Doncaster
Darlington v Wigan
Gillingham v Bury
Hereford v Carlisle
Lincoln v Scarborough
Preston v Scunthorpe
Rochdale v Torquay
Walsall v Mansfield
Wycombe v Northampton

Saturday January 8

First division
Bolton v Birmingham

Second division
Blackpool v Fulham
Bournemouth v Swansea
Bradford v Leyton Orient
Brentford v Bristol Rovers
Cambridge v York
Cardiff v Burnley
Huddersfield v Wrexham
Hull v Brighton
Plymouth v Barnet
Reading v Hartlepool
Rotherham v Exeter
Stockport v Port Vale

Third division
Carlisle v Bury
Chester v Walsall
Chesterfield v Colchester
Doncaster v Torquay
Gillingham v Preston
Hereford v Darlington
Rochdale v Shrewsbury
Scarborough v Northampton
Scunthorpe v Crewe
Wigan v Lincoln
Wycombe v Mansfield

Tuesday January 11

First division
Luton v Bristol City
Notts County v Birmingham
Oxford v Sunderland

Wednesday January 12

First division
Derby v Watford
Leicester v West Bromwich
Southend v Bolton
Stoke v Peterborough

Saturday January 15

Premiership
Aston Villa v West Ham
Everton v Swindon
Leeds v Ipswich
Manchester City v Arsenal
Norwich v Chelsea
Oldham v Liverpool
QPR v Newcastle
Sheffield Utd v Blackburn
Southampton v Coventry
Tottenham v Manchester Utd
Wimbledon v Sheffield Wed

First division
Barnsley v Bristol City
Derby v Portsmouth
Grimsby v Stoke
Leicester v Charlton
Millwall v Bolton
Notts County v Luton
Oxford v Southend
Peterborough v West Bromwich
Sunderland v Middlesbrough
Tranmere v Notts Forest
Watford v Birmingham
Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace

Second division
Barnet v Huddersfield
Brighton v Bournemouth
Bristol Rovers v Cardiff
Burnley v Bradford
Exeter v Stockport
Fulham v Hull
Hartlepool v Cambridge
Leyton Orient v Reading
Port Vale v Blackpool
Swansea v Rotherham
Wrexham v Brentford
York v Plymouth

Third division
Bury v Doncaster
Colchester v Hereford
Crewe v Scarborough
Darlington v Gillingham
Lincoln v Wycombe
Mansfield v Carlisle
Northampton v Scunthorpe
Preston v Wigan
Torquay v Chesterfield
Walsall v Rochdale

Saturday January 22

Premiership
Arsenal v Oldham
Blackburn v Leeds
Chelsea v Aston Villa
Coventry v QPR
Ipswich v Wimbledon
Liverpool v Manchester Utd
Manchester City v Swindon
Newcastle v Southampton
Sheffield Wed v Sheffield Utd
West Ham v Norwich

First division
Birmingham v Sunderland
Bolton v Tranmere
Bristol City v Notts County
Charlton v Barnsley
Crystal Palace v Leicester
Luton v Derby
Middlesbrough v Watford
Notts Forest v Wolverhampton
Portsmouth v Peterborough
Southend v Grimsby
Stoke v Oxford
West Bromwich v Millwall

Second division
Blackpool v Swansea
Bournemouth v Fulham
Bradford v Bristol Rovers
Brentford v Hartlepool
Cambridge v Wrexham
Cardiff v Barnet
Huddersfield v York
Hull v Port Vale
Plymouth v Burnley
Reading v Exeter
Rotherham v Leyton Orient
Stockport v Brighton

Third division
Bury v Preston
Carlisle v Torquay
Chester v Lincoln
Doncaster v Gillingham
Mansfield v Chesterfield
Northampton v Crewe
Scarborough v Darlington
Scunthorpe v Walsall
Shrewsbury v Colchester
Wigan v Rochdale
Wycombe v Hereford

Saturday January 29

First division
Grimsby v West Bromwich
Lincoln v Scarborough
Preston v Scunthorpe
Rochdale v Northampton
Torquay v Mansfield
Walsall v Wycombe

Monday January 31

Premiership
Arsenal v QPR
Blackburn v Wimbledon
Chelsea v Everton
Coventry v Ipswich
Leeds v Aston Villa
Manchester Utd v Liverpool
Manchester City v Ipswich
Norwich v Newcastle
Oldham v Southampton
Sheffield Wed v Tottenham
West Ham v Sheffield Utd

First division
Barnsley v Tranmere
Bolton v Charlton
Bristol City v Wolverhampton
Middlesbrough v Notts County
Millwall v Stoke
Notts Forest v Crystal Palace
Peterborough v Southend
Portsmouth v Oxford
Sunderland v Derby
Tranmere v Watford
West Bromwich v Luton

Second division
Blackpool v Cambridge
Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers
Brighton v Bradford
Bristol Rovers v Huddersfield
Burnley v Cardiff
Exeter v Rotherham
Fulham v Hartlepool
Hull v Barnet
Leyton Orient v Cardiff
Port Vale v Burnley
Reading v Huddersfield
Rotherham v Wrexham
Stockport v Plymouth
Swansea v York

Third division
Chesterfield v Doncaster
Colchester v Mansfield
Crewe v Wigan
Darlington v Gillingham
Gillingham v Northampton
Hereford v Shrewsbury
Lincoln v Scunthorpe
Preston v Chester
Rochdale v Scarborough
Torquay v Wycombe
Walsall v Bury

Tuesday February 2

First division
Barnsley v Bristol City
Derby v Portsmouth
Grimsby v Stoke
Leicester v Charlton
Millwall v Bolton
Notts County v Luton
Oxford v Southend
Peterborough v West Bromwich
Sunderland v Middlesbrough
Tranmere v Notts Forest
Watford v Birmingham
Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace

Second division
Barnet v Huddersfield
Brighton v Bournemouth
Bristol Rovers v Cardiff
Burnley v Bradford
Exeter v Stockport
Fulham v Hull
Hartlepool v Cambridge
Leyton Orient v Reading
Port Vale v Blackpool
Swansea v Rotherham
Wrexham v Brentford
York v Plymouth

Third division
Bury v Doncaster
Colchester v Hereford
Crewe v Scarborough
Darlington v Gillingham
Lincoln v Wycombe
Mansfield v Carlisle
Northampton v Scunthorpe
Preston v Wigan
Torquay v Chesterfield
Walsall v Rochdale

Saturday February 5

First division
Birmingham v Peterborough
Bolton v Watford
Bristol City v Tranmere
Charlton v Grimsby
Crystal Palace v Derby
Luton v Oxford
Middlesbrough v Millwall
Notts Forest v Leicester
Portsmouth v Notts County
Southend v Barnsley
Stoke v Wolverhampton
West Bromwich v Sunderland

Second division
Barnet v Brentford
Brighton v Blackpool
Bristol Rovers v Huddersfield
Burnley v Cambridge
Exeter v Bournemouth
Fulham v Reading
Hartlepool v Cardiff
Leyton Orient v Hull
Port Vale v Rotherham
Stockport v Swansea
Wrexham v Plymouth
York v Cambridge

Third division
Bury v Colchester
Carlisle v Scarborough
Chester v Rochdale
Colchester v Torquay
Cardiff v Blackpool
Darlington v Chesterfield
Gillingham v Wycombe
Hereford v Scunthorpe
Mansfield v Crewe
Preston v Lincoln
Walsall v Northampton
Wigan v Doncaster

Saturday March 5

Premiership
Blackburn v Liverpool
Coventry v Aston Villa
Everton v Oldham
Ipswich v Arsenal
Leeds v Southampton
Manchester Utd v Chelsea
QPR v Manchester City
Sheffield Wed v Newcastle
Swindon v West Ham
Tottenham v Sheffield Utd
Wimbledon v Norwich

First division
Birmingham v Barnsley
Bolton v Charlton
Bristol City v Derby
Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton
Millwall v Leicester
Notts Forest v Luton
Peterborough v Southend
Portsmouth v Crystal Palace
Sunderland v Notts County
Tranmere v Grimsby
Watford v Oxford
West Bromwich v Stoke

Second division
Blackpool v Bradford
Bournemouth v Barnet
Brighton v York
Exeter v Huddersfield
Fulham v Burnley
Hull v Cardiff
Leyton Orient v Plymouth
Port Vale v Bristol Rovers
Reading v Wrexham
Rotherham v Cambridge
Stockport v Hartlepool
Swansea v Brentford

Third division
Chesterfield v Carlisle
Crewe v Walsall
Doncaster v Preston
Lincoln v Mansfield
Northampton v Hereford
Rochdale v Colchester
Scarborough v Wigan
Scunthorpe v Chester
Shrewsbury v Darlington
Torquay v Gillingham
Wycombe v Bury

Saturday March 12

Premiership
Arsenal v Manchester Utd
Aston Villa v Ipswich
Chelsea v Coventry
Liverpool v Everton
Manchester City v Wimbledon
Newcastle v Swindon
Norwich v QPR
Oldham v Tottenham
Sheffield Utd v Leeds
Southampton v Sheffield Wed
West Ham v Blackburn

First division
Barnsley v Tranmere
Charlton v Bristol City
Crystal Palace v Bolton
Derby v Birmingham
Grimsby v Peterborough
Leicester v Middlesbrough
Luton v Sunderland
Notts County v Tranmere
Oxford v Notts Forest
Southend v Bristol City
Stoke v Portsmouth
Wolverhampton v West Bromwich

Second division
Barnet v Blackpool
Bradford v Fulham
Brentford v Rotherham
Bristol Rovers v Hull
Burnley v Bournemouth
Cambridge v Reading
Cardiff v Port Vale
Hartlepool v Exeter
Huddersfield v Brighton
Plymouth v Swansea
Wrexham v Stockport
York v Leyton Orient

Third division
Bury v Shrewsbury
Carlisle v Scarborough
Chester v Rochdale
Colchester v Torquay
Hereford v Scunthorpe
Mansfield v Crewe
Preston v Lincoln
Walsall v Northampton
Wigan v Doncaster

Saturday March 19

Premiership
Aston Villa v Oldham
Leeds v Coventry
Liverpool v Chelsea
Manchester City v Sheffield Utd
Norwich v Everton
QPR v Wimbledon
Sheffield Wed v Blackburn
Southampton v Arsenal
Swindon v Manchester Utd
Tottenham v Ipswich
West Ham v Newcastle

First division
Bristol City v Portsmouth
Crystal Palace v Charlton
Derby v Notts County
Leicester v Barnsley
Luton v Birmingham
Middlesbrough v West Bromwich
Millwall v Peterborough
Notts Forest v Bolton
Oxford v Tranmere
Southend v Stoke
Sunderland v Watford
Wolverhampton v Grimsby

Second division
Barnet v Wrexham
Bournemouth v Blackpool
Brighton v Leyton Orient
Burnley v Bristol Rovers
Cambridge v Bradford
Fulham v Huddersfield
Hull v Reading
Plymouth v Cardiff
Port Vale v Brentford
Rotherham v Stockport
Swansea v Exeter
York v Hartlepool

Third division
Bury v Colchester
Carlisle v Chester
Chesterfield v Rochdale
Crewe v Torquay
Doncaster v Wycombe
Northampton v Lincoln
Preston v Mansfield
Scunthorpe v Gillingham
Shrewsbury v Scarborough
Walsall v Darlington
Wigan v Hereford

Saturday March 26

Premiership
Arsenal v Liverpool
Blackburn v Swindon
Chelsea v West Ham
Coventry v Norwich
Everton v Tottenham
Ipswich v QPR
Manchester Utd v Sheffield Wed
Newcastle v Aston Villa
Oldham v Manchester City
Sheffield Utd v Southampton
Wimbledon v Leeds

First division
Barnsley v Luton
Birmingham v Middlesbrough
Bolton v Bristol City
Charlton v Wolverhampton
Grimsby v Oxford
Notts County v Leicester
Peterborough v Sunderland
Portsmouth v Notts Forest
Stoke v Crystal Palace
Tranmere v Southend
Watford v Millwall
West Bromwich v Derby

Second division
Blackpool v Rotherham
Bradford v Hull
Brentford v Cambridge
Bristol Rovers v Barnet
Cardiff v York
Exeter v Brighton
Hartlepool v Burnley
Huddersfield v Plymouth
Leyton Orient v Fulham
Reading v Swansea
Stockport v Bournemou
Wrexham v Port Vale

Third division
Chester v Wigan
Colchester v Preston
Darlington v Northampton
Gillingham v Carlisle
Hereford v Walsall
Lincoln v Crewe
Mansfield v Bury
Rochdale v Doncaster
Scarborough v Scunthorpe
Torquay v Shrewsbury
Wycombe v Chesterfield

Tuesday March 29

Premiership
Everton v Chelsea
Ipswich v Manchester City
Sheffield Utd v West Ham
Swindon v Coventry
Tottenham v Sheffield Wed
Wimbledon v Blackburn

First division
Barnsley v Sunderland
Bolton v Wolverhampton
Grimsby v Middlesbrough
Oxford v Birmingham
Peterborough v Crystal Palace
Tranmere v Derby

Second division
Bournemouth v Huddersfield
Bradford v Port Vale
Burnley v Hull
Cardiff v Rotherham
Exeter v Barnet
Fulham v Cambridge
Hartlepool v Swansea
Leyton Orient v Wrexham
Stockport v Brentford
York v Reading

Wednesday March 30

Premiership
Aston Villa v Leeds
Manchester Utd v Liverpool
Newcastle v Norwich
QPR v Arsenal
Southampton v Oldham

First division
Leicester v Portsmouth
Millwall v Luton
Notts Forest v Watford
Southend v Notts County
Stoke v Bristol City
West Bromwich v Charlton

Second division
Brighton v Plymouth
Bristol Rovers v Blackpool

Saturday April 2

Premiership
Arsenal v Swindon
Blackburn v Manchester Utd
Chelsea v Southampton
Coventry v Wimbledon
Leeds v Newcastle
Liverpool v Sheffield Utd
Manchester City v Aston Villa
Norwich v Tottenham
Oldham v QPR
Sheffield Wed v Everton
West Ham v Ipswich

First division
Birmingham v Stoke
Bristol City v West Bromwich
Charlton v Southend
Crystal Palace v Oxford
Derby v Barnsley
Luton v Peterborough
Middlesbrough v Notts Forest
Notts County v Grimsby
Portsmouth v Millwall
Sunderland v Bolton
Watford v Leicester
Wolverhampton v Tranmere

Second division
Barnet v Brighton
Blackpool v Stockport
Brentford v Bournemouth
Cambridge v Leyton Orient
Huddersfield v Hartlepool
Hull v York
Plymouth v Exeter
Port Vale v Fulham
Reading v Bristol Rovers
Rotherham v Bradford
Swansea v Cardiff
Wrexham v Burnley

Third division
Bury v Walsall
Carlisle v Darlington
Chester v Preston
Doncaster v Chesterfield
Mansfield v Colchester
Northampton v Gillingham
Scarborough v Rochdale
Scunthorpe v Lincoln
Shrewsbury v Hereford
Wigan v Crewe
Wycombe v Torquay

Monday April 4

Premiership
Aston Villa v Norwich
Everton v Blackburn
Ipswich v Coventry
Manchester Utd v Oldham
Newcastle v Chelsea
QPR v Leeds
Sheffield Utd v Arsenal
Southampton v Manchester City
Swindon v Sheffield Wed
Tottenham v West Ham
Wimbledon v Liverpool

First division
Barnsley v Notts County
Bolton v Portsmouth
Grimsby v Luton
Leicester v Derby
Millwall v Sunderland
Notts Forest v Bristol City
Oxford v Wolverhampton
Peterborough v Watford
Stoke v Charlton
Tranmere v Middlesbrough
West Bromwich v Birmingham

Second division
Bradford v Brentford
Bristol Rovers v Wrexham
Burnley v Barnet
Cardiff v Huddersfield
Exeter v Cambridge
Fulham v Plymouth
Hartlepool v Hull
Leyton Orient v Port Vale
Stockport v Reading
York v Blackpool

Third division
Chesterfield v Scunthorpe
Colchester v Scarborough
Crewe v Carlisle
Darlington v Doncaster
Gillingham v Chester
Hereford v Mansfield
Lincoln v Shrewsbury
Preston v Northampton
Rochdale v Wycombe
Walsall v Wigan

Tuesday April 5

Second division
Bournemouth v Rotherham

Third division
Torquay v Bury

Wednesday April 6

First division
Southend v Crystal Palace

Second division
Brighton v Swansea

Saturday April 9

Premiership
Arsenal v Wimbledon
Blackburn v Aston Villa
Chelsea v Swindon
Coventry v Tottenham
Leeds v Manchester Utd
Liverpool v Ipswich
Manchester City v Newcastle
Norwich v Southampton
Oldham v Sheffield Utd
Sheffield Wed v QPR
West Ham v Everton

First division
Birmingham v Southend
Bristol City v Grimsby
Charlton v Notts Forest
Crystal Palace v Millwall
Derby v Stoke
Luton v West Bromwich
Middlesbrough v Oxford
Notts County v Bolton
Portsmouth v Barnsley
Sunderland v Leicester
Watford v Tranmere
Wolverhampton v Peterborough

Second division
Bradford v Brentford
Bristol Rovers v Wrexham
Burnley v Barnet
Cardiff v Huddersfield
Exeter v Cambridge
Fulham v Plymouth
Hartlepool v Hull
Leyton Orient v Port Vale
Rotherham v Stockport
York v Blackpool

Third division
Chesterfield v Scunthorpe
Colchester v Scarborough
Crewe v Carlisle
Darlington v Doncaster
Gillingham v Chester
Hereford v Mansfield
Lincoln v Shrewsbury
Preston v Northampton
Rochdale v Wycombe
Walsall v Wigan

Tuesday April 12

Second division
Bournemouth v Rotherham

Third division
Torquay v Bury

Wednesday April 13

First division
Southend v Crystal Palace

Second division
Brighton v Swansea

Saturday April 16

Premiership
Arsenal v Chelsea
Coventry v Sheffield Wed
Ipswich v Swindon
Leeds v Tottenham
Liverpool v Newcastle
Manchester City v Norwich
Oldham v West Ham
QPR v Everton
Sheffield Utd v Aston Villa
Southampton v Blackburn
Wimbledon v Manchester Utd

First division
Barnsley v Oxford
Birmingham v Bristol City
Derby v Charlton
Leicester v Grimsby
Luton v Crystal Palace
Middlesbrough v Portsmouth
Millwall v Notts Forest
Notts County v Wolverhampton
Peterborough v Bolton
Stoke v Tranmere
Sunderland v Watford
West Bromwich v Barnsley

Second division
Barnet v Hartlepool
Bristol Rovers v York
Burnley v Swansea
Cardiff v Brentford
Fulham v Exeter
Huddersfield v Bradford
Hull v Blackpool
Leyton Orient v Stockport
Plymouth v Cambridge
Port Vale v Bournemouth
Reading v Rotherham
Wrexham v Brighton

Third division
Bury v Chester
Colchester v Darlington
Crewe v Wycombe
Hereford v Torquay
Lincoln v Walsall
Mansfield v Rochdale
Northampton v Torquay
Preston v Walsall
Scarborough v Wycombe
Scunthorpe v Doncaster
Wigan v Chesterfield

Saturday April 23

Premiership
Aston Villa v Arsenal
Blackburn v QPR
Chelsea v Leeds
Everton v Coventry
Manchester Utd v Manchester City
Newcastle v Oldham
Norwich v Sheffield Utd
Sheffield Wed v Ipswich
Swindon v Wimbledon
Tottenham v Southampton
West Ham v Liverpool

First division
Bolton v Middlesbrough
Bristol City v Watford
Charlton v Peterborough
Crystal Palace v Barnsley
Derby v Oxford
Leicester v Stoke
Luton v Southend
Middlesbrough v Crystal Palace
Millwall v Bristol City
Notts County v Charlton
Peterborough v Notts Forest
Sunderland v Tranmere
Watford v Portsmouth
West Bromwich v Grimsby

Second division
Barnet v York
Bristol Rovers v Stockport
Burnley v Brentford
Cardiff v Cambridge
Fulham v Rotherham
Grimsby v Derby
Notts Forest v West Bromwich
Oxford v Leicester
Portsmouth v Birmingham
Southend v Sunderland
Stoke v Notts County
Tranmere v Millwall
Wolverhampton v Luton

Second division
Blackpool v Reading
Bournemouth v Wrexham
Bradford v Barnet
Brentford v Plymouth
Brighton v Port Vale
Cambridge v Bristol Rovers
Exeter v Burnley
Hartlepool v Plymouth
Rotherham v Barnet
Stockport v Hull
Swansea v Fulham
York v Wrexham

Third division
Bury v Rochdale
Colchester v Doncaster
Crewe v Wycombe
Hereford v Torquay
Lincoln v Walsall
Mansfield v Darlington
Northampton v Chester
Preston v Carlisle
Scarborough v Chesterfield
Scunthorpe v Shrewsbury
Wigan v Gillingham

Saturday May 7

Premiership
Aston Villa v Liverpool
Blackburn v Ipswich
Chelsea v Sheffield Utd
Everton v Wimbledon
Manchester Utd v Coventry
Newcastle v Arsenal
Norwich v Oldham
Sheffield Wed v Manchester City
Swindon v Leeds
Tottenham v QPR
West Ham v Southampton

First division
Bolton v Barnsley
Bristol City v Peterborough
Charlton v Middlesbrough
Crystal Palace v Watford
Grimsby v Millwall
Notts Forest v Sunderland
Oxford v Notts County
Portsmouth v West Bromwich
Southend v Derby
Stoke v Luton
Tranmere v Birmingham
Wolverhampton v Leicester

Second division
Blackpool v Leyton Orient
Bournemouth v Reading
Bradford v Cardiff
Brentford v Huddersfield
Brighton v Port Vale
Cambridge v Bristol Rovers
Exeter v Burnley
Hartlepool v Plymouth
Rotherham v Barnet
Stockport v Hull
Swansea v Fulham
York v Wrexham

Third division
Carlisle v Colchester
Chester v Crewe
Chesterfield v Northampton
Darlington v Bury
Doncaster v Hereford
Gillingham v Lincoln
Rochdale v Scunthorpe
Shrewsbury v Wigan
Torquay v Scarborough
Walsall v Mansfield
Wycombe v Preston

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TONY MARSHALL/ALLSPORT

Star quality: Ryan Giggs heads the cast in the first televised match of the season

Viewing feast at a price

BSkyB leads the way in wall-to-wall football coverage this season, Peter Ball reports

TELEVISION'S five football coverage may have begun limply in years gone by but the schedule this season starts with a bang. BSkyB have gone straight to the top, showing Manchester United playing their opening fixture away to Norwich City on Sunday, and then following the league champions to Aston Villa, runners-up last season, eight days later.

In between, the satellite channel launches its Monday coverage with the north London derby between Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal at White Hart Lane on August 16.

This will be the start of a gargantuan feast, which should satisfy even the most avid football viewer. Quite apart from Sky's extensive coverage of the FA Carling Premiership, England's crucial World Cup qualifying games, other international, European Cup, FA Cup, Football League, Coca Cola Cup and Italian league matches will all be available on one channel or another. After all this, there will be the World Cup finals.

On Sundays, in particular, viewers are likely to be spoilt for choice. If you live in the right TV region and have paid the new Sky fee of £11.99 a month to receive the Sky Sports channel, the discerning viewer can start with an Italian match on Channel Four, see the first half of a football league game on ITV and then switch to Sky for the Premiership match.

Sky undoubtedly have the strongest hand. As well as the Premiership matches, they have secured the rights to broadcast England's World Cup match against Poland on September 8, and the final England match in the group away to San Marino on November 16.

The Premiership is Sky's staple diet and, by the new year, their cameras will have visited 18 of the 22 clubs. But ITV has secured a serious hand, too, with Manchester United and Rangers signed up for the European Cup, the rights for England's visit to Holland in October, the game that is likely to determine their World Cup fate, the Endsleigh Insurance League, and the Coca Cola Cup.

All of which leaves the BBC's coverage looking thin until the FA Cup third round. But *Match of the Day* begins on Saturday and it remains, for many, the preferred way to watch football.

Lauritzen escapes on longest stage in solo ride

DAG-OTTO Lauritzen, of Norway, claimed a determined solo stage victory on the third day of the Kellogg's Tour yesterday, holding off the main field for almost 100 of the 123 miles between the start at Newport, in Gwent, and the finish in Coventry.

His single-minded effort, however, on the longest stage of the race, failed to lift him among the overall leaders. Phil Anderson, of Australia, retained the yellow jersey with a four-second advantage over Wladimir Belli, of Italy.

Lauritzen, 36, made his initial move early, catching the first breakaway riders, Thierry Claveyrolat, of France, and Peter Farazyn, of Belgium, after 23 miles. After 61 miles, on the main climb of the day, Cleeve Hill, with the peloton setting its own pace further back, the trio had a maximum lead of more than five minutes.

Then a chasing group, including Anderson and his Motorola team, stepped up the pace and closed the gap to less than a minute at the 100-mile mark. Lauritzen then attacked by himself, leaving his companions trailing, and he held on to win by 47sec — his third win of the season so far. But having started the day more than ten minutes behind overall, he poses no threat to Anderson.

With two stages remaining, Anderson retains his lead over Belli with Bo-Andre Namtvedt, of Norway, in third place, a further four seconds adrift. The winner of the Milk Race, Chris Lillywhite, of Britain's Banana team, keeps the sprinters' jersey after claiming fifth place.

RESULTS: Stage three (Newport to Coventry, 123.5 mls): 1, D Lauritzen (Nor, TVM), 4hr 29min 57sec; 2 J Svorada (Cz Rep, Lampre), at 47sec; 3, E Schurer (Holl, TVM); 4, C Zamana (Pol, Subaru); 5, C Lillywhite (GB, Banana); 6, F Andreu (US, Motorola); 7, K Reynolds (GB, Banana); 8, W Belli (It, Lampre); 9, A Kappes (Ger, Mecair); 10, H Redant (Bel, Collstrop), all same time. Overall, 1, P Anderson (Aus, Motorola), 14.01:53; 2, Belli, at 04sec; 3, B Namtvedt (Nor, Subaru), 08; 4, H Imboden (Switz, Mecair), 20; 5, F Lemarchand (Fr, Gan), 28; 6, Schurer, 28; 7, Andreu, 32; 8, P Hagherdooren (Bel, Collstrop), same time; 9, H Frison (Bel, Lotto), 1:18; 10, Kappes, 3:11. Stage team: 1, TVM, 13.31.25; 2, Collstrop, 13:32 12; 3, La William, same time. Overall team: 1, Motorola, 42:16.32; 2, Lampre, 42:20.45; 3, Mecair, 42.22.18. Points: 1, Belli, 32pts; 2, Anderson, 28; 3, Schurer, 27. Sprints: 1, Lillywhite, 17pts; 2, Lauritzen, 15; 3, E Berzin (Russ, Mecair), 10. Mountains: 1, Berzin, 46pts; 2, Belli, 39; 3, Anderson, 36. Today: Stage 4 (Birmingham to Manchester, 113.3 mls).

Steve Waugh scores century in display of unrelenting commitment

Australians keep up their guard

BY JACK BAILEY

CANTERBURY (first day of three; Australians won toss): the Australians have scored 296 for three wickets

ONCE it had been realised that there is a breed of young Australian which did not know before yesterday of the huge Canterbury lime tree and how, though in the playing area, it forms part of the boundary; and once it had been recalled that Learie Constantine and Carl Hooper had cleared the tree with mighty blows, and suitable admiration had been expressed, the Australians got down to work.

It was business as usual. There was certainly no question of anyone out there trying to emulate Constantine or Hooper in a day of measured progress. Kent's attack was Royal Army Service Corps rather than 17/21st Lancers. Igglesden looked scarcely match fit; Ellison's last match for the Kent first XI had been at Trent Bridge in May; Fleming was resting, so was Hooper. Even Ealham, with his outswinger and 100 per cent attitude, barely posed a threat on this benign pitch.

The Australians, having won the toss, were still grooved in the Test-match mode. The occasional mistimed stroke brought Kent the odd wicket. Otherwise it was a question of waiting for the loose ball, building an innings. This was most effectively done by Taylor with a watchful 78 in nearly three hours and by Steve Waugh, who spent 4½ hours reaching his third century of the tour. There was, too, a cameo from Hayden. When he dispatched Davis over mid-on for four, he reached 31 in brisk time.

More than that, he reached his 1,003rd run of the season and he was the fourth Australian on this tour to pass the 1,000-run mark — Slater, Mark Waugh and Boon are the others — but provided there are no injuries to change the pattern of selection of Australia's team for the sixth Test match, it seems that Hayden will set a record, at the same time enviable and demanding sympathy.

Hayden is a very good player. He has been kept out of the Test matches here by the brilliance of Slater. A glance through the record books leads to the belief that he will return to Australia as the only player since they started coming to these shores to have made a 1,000 first-class runs without playing in a Test match during the tour.

Hayden was out to the next ball he received, mistiming a drive and being caught at mid-off. Ellison was the bowler, just as he was later when Taylor was similarly caught, this time at mid-off. By then, the Australians were comfortably placed at 151 for three in mid-afternoon. Taylor had hit 12 fours in his own workmanlike way and the only hiccup had been the dismissal of Slater, caught close to the square-leg umpire in the day's tenth over.

Once Taylor had gone, the stage was set for Steve Waugh. A low-key innings it may have been, but as he took his time, stroked the ball around the field, found the boundary 15 times, with scarcely a ball lifted and remained unperturbed to the end, you realised why, despite the thunder stolen by his brother, he averages better than 80 runs per innings on the tour.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M J Slater c Fulton b Ealham 7
*M A Taylor c Cowdrey b Ellison 78
M L Hayden c Igglesden b Ellison 31
S R Waugh not out 111
D R Martyn not out 58
Extras (lb 3, nb 8) 11
Total (3 wkts) 296

I A Healy, B P Julian, †T J Zoehrer, S K Warne, T B A May and W J Holdsworth to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-90, 3-151.

BOWLING: Igglesden 16-4-40-0; Ealham 22-1-83-1; Ellison 25-2-68-2, Davis 34-12-89-0; Patel 8-1-23-0

KENT: *M R Benson, D P Fulton, T R Ward, N J Llong, G R Cowdrey, M A Ealham, †S A Marsh, R P Davis, M M Patel, R M Ellison, A P Igglesden

Umpires: P Adams and J W Holder

CORRECTION: Sussex v Worcestershire (Britannic Assurance championship): Worcestershire second innings: Tolley scored 21 and Leatherdale 18, not as published on August 9.

IAN STEWART

Forgotten man: Hayden on the way to reaching 1,000 runs for the season

Risk returns to world stage via London rink

Michael Coleman on the ice skater from Ukraine who plans to make a comeback representing Britain

Seven years after winning a world ice skating title for the Soviet Union, a Bermondsey housewife is preparing to re-enter international competition, but this time for Britain. On form, she can expect to be selected for the world championships in Makuhari, Japan, next March.

"Since marriage, I now have two motherlands," Natalya Risk, 23, said yesterday. "I don't think I'm being disloyal. After all, I'm putting my roots down in London."

As Natalya Gorbenko, from Kiev, Ukraine, she won the world junior title at Sarajevo in 1986, having won the bronze medal the previous season. She appeared six times for the Soviet Union in senior competition, her highest placings being eighth in the world championships in Paris in 1989 and fifth in the European championships in Birmingham the same year. She was one of a richly talented group of skaters to emerge from Ukraine at the time.

But after a loss of form, brought about by pneumonia, she asked for a year's sabbatical. "I was offered a soloists's position in the Ukrainian Ice Ballet, which was preparing to leave for a tour of Britain, and I accepted," she said.

Top of the bill were Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean and when the British couple came to Kiev for rehearsals, Gorbenko was able to study in close-up Dean's choreographic ideas, which she intends to employ in her comeback. The tour opened in Britain last August and ran for 14 weeks, during which Gorbenko met Mark Risk, a lighting operator with the crew. They were married in November in Exeter, where the tour ended, and Torvill and Dean were guests at the wedding.

No longer a state-supported athlete, Risk has to find her own way every morning across London, through the underground's maze, to Queens Ice Rink in Bayswater, and pay for her coaching and equipment.

"It's an absolutely new way of life for me but I'm enjoying it," she said. "I've found an excellent coach in David Clements at Queens and it's exciting to discover I've not lost any of my skating skills."

She is one of a handful of women skaters able to perform the triple lutz jump and has the poise and polish that show skaters acquire through performing before big audiences.

"I'm no longer a gawky amateur and I'm skating better now than I did at the world championships in Paris," she said.

Eager to profit from the unexpected talents that had landed on its doorstep, the National Ice Skating Association (Nisa) agreed at its annual meeting on July 24 to change its eligibility rules. Risk has two more years to wait for her full British passport, previously a requirement to compete in the national championships. Now only 12 months residence, plus the intention to take out citizenship, is all that is needed.

After she has passed the Nisa qualifying tests, which should present little difficulty for someone of her ability, Risk's main opponent at the national championships in Basingstoke next December is likely to be Charlene von Saher, the American domiciled, though London-born, title-holder, whose arrival on the British skating scene in the 1991-2 season also shook the establishment.

Only one British woman can go to the Winter Olympics and it will not be Risk, whose change of affiliation cannot be considered until after the Games. But the world championships and the chance of skating against Oksana Bayul, the title-holder, from her native Ukraine, is an exciting prospect for Britain's latest recruit.

Risk: contented

Atherton returns to troubled Lancashire

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

AFTER the disappointments of his first Test match as England captain, Michael Atherton deserves better than his lot this morning. For Lancashire's match against Hampshire at Southampton, Atherton returns to a dressing-room riven by doubt and mistrust.

It is not stretching a point to call Lancashire's cricketers collectively the most talented in the country, also the most unhappy. Their only challengers for morbid introspection were Gloucestershire, who won that particular battle of the hapless so convincingly, inside three days at Cheltenham last week, that Lancashire's discomfort is all the more painful.

No fewer than three "crisis meetings" have been held, to little effect. On Monday, which should have been the final day of the Gloucestershire match, David Hughes and Neil Fairbrother were invited to account for recent performances by Bob Bennett, the club chairman. He may also have wanted to know why standards of behaviour on the field have slipped.

Graham Lloyd's dropping for the match which starts today can be explained by a lack of runs. Another reason — not exclusive to him — is his apparent inability to concentrate in the field, where the present side is the doziest in living memory.

Fairbrother, whose form has suffered badly this season, should survive any purge, although it is known Mike Watkinson has his admirers. The captain deserves the committee's support but Hughes, who was appointed manager last year, will do well to renew his contract.

The problems do not end there. Wasim Akram and Phillip DeFreitas reputedly cost Lancashire £140,000 a year, big money for a cricket club. Brilliant though he is, Wasim is rarely fully fit or interested. Gifted though he is, DeFreitas resembles a sullen child who threatens to take his ball home if he cannot always win.

With Pakistan requiring Wasim to return home next July, Lancashire must decide whether to engage another overseas player. Already they have spoken unofficially to Shane Warne.

"Thank goodness I'm not in charge of this lot," Atherton may think. It is known Somerset want him to replace Chris Tavaré as captain but he is staying where he is. Others may not be so lucky.

SPORTS LETTERS

New cricket format required

From Mr Miles Hudson

Sir, Australia have beaten England at cricket not because of bad leadership, lack of guts or whatever, but because they are better. The position will be the same this winter in the West Indies and elsewhere as standards improve.

The reason is simple: we have too many counties. The pool of players at the stage below Test level is too large. Therefore, budding Test players do not have the right competition. They waste their time producing spurious good performances against relative mediocrities.

The answer would be to have six or seven (as against 18) sides competing against each other in a super league (North, Midlands, East Anglia, South West, Wales, South, South East). This would, of course, involve the loss to cricket of passionate county loyalties, and may well not be worth it, but we cannot have it both ways. We must choose one or the other and stop the undignified search for innocent scapegoats.

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Amateur title irrelevant to world of athletics

From Dr Ewan C. K. Douglas

Sir, The recent sight of Olympic champions Carl Lewis and Linford Christie blasting their way down the track at Gateshead in search of huge financial reward evoked memories of Edinburgh's famous old professional event, the New Year's Day sprint, at Powderhall.

This modern type of financial promotion is abhorrent to the amateur of my day who competed under the rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, a body which, then, would have barred for life an athlete accepting money for track or field competition. But the IAAF is still the sport's governing body, so what has happened? The amateur ideals of the modern Olympic founder, Baron de Coubertin, have slowly disappeared under the enormous financial awards, including "appearance money", now available to top athletes.

This is fully fledged professionalism. I have no objection to professional sport but I do object to the highly paid professional athletes of today competing under the jurisdiction of an *amateur* athletic federation. This farce should be terminated and the status of athletes clarified. The Olympic Games should be abandoned and the "world professional games" should take their place. Amateurs would be allowed to compete with a letter "A" after their names, as in professional golf.

Such a recognition of professionalism would accurately reflect the current state of international athletics and the Olympic Games.

Yours faithfully,
EWAN C. K. DOUGLAS,
4 Caminas,
Cullera,
Valencia 46400,
Spain.

Dignity suffers

From Mr Godfrey Dann

Sir, How much I agree with Commander Binney (Sports Letters, August 5) on the subject of English Test cricketers' headgear. We can clearly learn a lot from the Australians, who appear to be proud to wear their colours and badges. What a pleasant surprise to see Stewart, on one occasion at least, exchanging his helmet for a proper blue cricket cap.

Though it is apparently necessary to display the awful advertisements for beer on shirts, let England try to smarten up in other respects.

Yours faithfully,
GODFREY DANN,
37 Orchard Way,
East Grinstead, Sussex.

From Mr P. R. Morgan

Sir, Both teams in the women's World Cup final were dressed in white. This was a pleasant contrast to the clown's "pyjamas" which have been worn at every other Sunday one-day match at Lord's this season. Are women now the champions of the traditions of cricket?

Yours faithfully,
P. R. MORGAN,
28 Marlborough Drive, N19.

From Major M. Sample

Sir, Why do so many Test players, and at least one umpire, now chew gum? Why does the English "soft" headgear resemble a baseball cap? Why do players wear T-shirts under their cricket shirts? Why do some bowlers put on luminous white make-up? Why does the English team manager dress in a track-suit? What good has team sponsorship done?

There must be satisfactory explanations, but I am equally sure that the style and dignity of the game has suffered.

Yours sincerely,
MATTHEW SAMPLE,
3 Flight Army Air Corps
(Volunteers),
RAF Turnhouse, Edinburgh.

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Change of attack

From Mr A. I. M. Clark

Sir, Now that pre-season rugby training has resumed, could coaches be persuaded to broaden the attack by reintroducing the foot rush by the forwards and the cross-kick by the wing threequarter to the opposite wing? Moves in rugby have become stereotyped: these two add greatly to the excitement of the game.

Yours truly,
A. I. M. CLARK,
308 Western Avenue,
Llandaff,
Cardiff.

Counties invest

From Mr David Green

Sir, I was disappointed to read the Rev Reginald Woodward's disparaging comments (report, July 30) about "the damaging failure ... of the counties to develop the supply of talent". Clearly, Mr Woodward has no knowledge of the immense amount of time, expertise and money which counties such as Middlesex invest in young cricketers.

In Middlesex, from October to March every year, boys between the ages of ten and 19 are given weekly coaching indoors. During the summer months, the county organises more than 100 representative matches (covering all age groups) and six tours to put the boys through their paces and to broaden their horizons.

Not only do Don Bennett (Middlesex CCC head coach) and Ian Gould (his assistant) attend all squads' net practices throughout the winter but they attend many matches during the summer as well. Gould manages the under-19 squad. Thus, there is no shortage of expert advice for Middlesex boys, many of whom have played in the under-15 Bunbury festivals. Other counties run comparable youth programmes.

Instead of hitting out blindly, critics of our system should find out what really goes on in youth cricket circles within the counties and endeavour to forge links with the organisers. Only through such a liaison will talented young cricketers get the best advice and opportunities to fulfil their potential.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN, Chairman,
youth committee, Middlesex
County Cricket Club,
Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8.

Different seat

From Mr Tim Connolly

Sir, You suggest (Diary, August 11) that our cricket-loving prime minister might favour Mike Brearley as chairman of the selectors. Maybe Mr Major should indulge his passion by taking the job himself, leaving Brearley to run the country with the style and success that he brought to the England cricket team.

Yours sincerely,
TIM CONNOLLY,
20 Wood Vale, SE23.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 15, Baltimore Orioles 1; Boston Red Sox 5, New York Yankees 0, Toronto Blue Jays 6, Minnesota Twins 3; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Cleveland Indians 4 (10 inns); Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland Athletics 0, Kansas City Royals 4, Seattle Mariners 1; Texas Rangers 6, California Angels 3.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Senatogen EBA national championships: Fours: Quarter-finals: Workington bt Victoria, 28-6; Shepherds Bush Cricket bt Summertown, 23-15; Reading bt Ryby Gate, 22-18; Peterborough Railway bt Banbury Borough, 24-17. Semi-finals: Reading bt Peterborough Railway, 27-20; Shepherds Bush Cricket bt Workington, 20-16. Finals: Reading bt Shepherds Bush Cricket, 22-13.

BOXING

MANSFIELD: Light-welterweight: Steve Howden (Sheffield) bt Brian Coleman (Birmingham), rsc 4th. Light-welter: Paul Denton (Walthamstow) bt Billy McDougall (Birmingham), pts. Light-heavy: John Keeton (Sheffield) bt T Colclough (Smethwick), rsc 1st. Super-middle: Graham Burton (Chesterfield) bt Tony Behan (Birmingham), pts. World Boxing Federation cruiserweight championship: Johnny Nelson (Sheffield) bt Tom Collins (Leeds), rsc 1st.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Chester: Dorset 161 (G Miller 5-45, J O'Brien 4-59) Cheshire 186-7 (T Bostock 69, J Gray 71, J Dike 5-27).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Air Force 280-3 (Lumb 107, Riddell 69); Army 279 (St George 112). RAF won by one run.
TOUR MATCH: West Indies Under-19 XI 300 and 134-5 dec; League Cricket Conference 219-4 dec and 216-9. League Cricket Conference won by one wicket

CYCLING

TOUR OF GALICIA: First stage (133km). 1, L Jalabert (Fr), Once, 2hr 48min 7sec; 2, L Armstrong (US), at 8sec; 3, M Demeus (Bel), same time; 4, Gert-Jan Theunisse (Holl) 8; 5, A Olano (Sp), 10. Second stage (163km): 1, Hampsten, 4:37:27; 2, S Della Santa (It), at 1min 48sec; 3, A Mejia (Col), 2:50; 4, S Hernandez (Sp) 3:42; 5, I Gaston (Sp), same time. Overall, 1, Hampsten, 7hr 25min 24sec; 2, Della Santa, at 1min 52sec; 3, Mejia, 2:58; 4, Gaston, 3:52; 5, Hernandez, same time

FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Aberdeen 5, Clydebank 0; Airdrie 2, Cowdenbeath 1; Ayr 0, Motherwell 6; Brechin 0, St Mirren 1; Hamilton 0, Dundee Utd 1 (aet); Hibernian 2, Alloa 0; Kilmarnock 1, Morton 2; Meadowbank 1, Dundee 1 (Dundee won 3-1 on penalties); Stenhousemuir 1, Falkirk 2 (aet), Stirling 0, Celtic 2.
OTHER MATCHES: Brondby (Den) 0, Manchester United 2; Belper Town 1, Derby 4; Blackpool 1, Manchester United XI 0; Dunstable 0, Barnet 3; Tranmere 1, Everton 2; Nuneaton 0, Coventry 2; Stainless Town 3, Colchester 0; Moor Green 0, Birmingham City 2; Stafford 1, Kalamata (Gre) 4; Wokingham 0, Southampton 2; Torquay 0, Plymouth 1; Slough 2, Queens Park Rangers 2. McEwan Charity Shield: Bangor 1, Linfield 1 (trophy shared).
FRENCH LEAGUE: Monaco 3, Bordeaux 2.

GLIDING

HOSIN, Czech Republic: European women's championships: Final day (371km tr): 1, H Zejdova (Cz, Ventus), 76.36kph, 1,000pts; 2, G Spreckley (GB, LS8) 75.35, 984; 3, J Burry (GB, LS8), 75.28, 883; 4, J Nash (GB, Ventus), 68.53, 874; 5, G Weinreich (Ger, LS6), 61.7, 764; 6, G Konig (Ger, LS6e), 61.45, 760. Overall: 1, Zejdova, 4,109pts; 2, Weinreich, 3,640; 3, Konig, 3,480; 4, Spreckley, 3,382; 5, Burry, 3,279; 12, Nash, 2,936.
HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, Leicestershire: British national 15-metre championships: no flying yesterday. Third day (235km quad, Atherstone, Stony Stratford, Caxton Gibbet; 26 completions of 50): 1, J Edyvan (Ventus), 79.59kph, 1,000pts; 2, N Weir (Ventus, 75.02), 956; 3, E Lysakowski (Ventus), 71.22, 918; equal 4, D MacPherson (ASW20), M Wells (LS8c), 71,916. Overall: 1, MacPherson, 1,613; 2, Lysakowski, 1,590; 3, Edyvan, 1,517; 4, P Jeffery (LS7), 1,490; 5, Weir, 1,461; 6, M Dawson (Ventus), 1,376.

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Faldo (Eng), 21.93; 2, G Norman (Aus), 17.41; 3, N Price (Zim), 17.01; 4, B Langer (Ger), 16.71; 5, F Couples (US), 14.22; 6, P Azinger (US), 13.47; 7, J M Olazabal (Sp), 11.20; 8, I Woosnam (Wales), 10.96; 9, T Kite (US), 10.09; 10, M Ozaki (Japan), 10.09; 11, D Love III (US), 9.71; 12, J Cook (US), 9.57; 13, C Pavin (US), 9.51; 14, P Stewart (US), 9.14; 15, M McNulty (Zim), 8.54; 16, D Frost (SA), 8.27.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, second day of three
CANTERBURY: Kent v Australians

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four
DERBY: Derbyshire v Somerset
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Lancashire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Durham
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Surrey
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Middlesex

First Under-19 Test match
First day of four
TRENT BRIDGE: England v West Indies

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three)
Sunderland CC: Durham v Northamptonshire Southend: Essex v Derbyshire Usk: Glamorgan v Worcestershire Blackpool: Lancashire v Hampshire. Worksop College: Nottinghamshire v Surrey Clevedon: Somerset v Leicestershire Studley: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire Elland: Yorkshire v Sussex.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBA national championships (Worthing).
CYCLING: Kellogg's Tour of Britain (Birmingham to Manchester).
LACROSSE: Women's World Cup: Semi-final United States v Australia (at Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh)

HOCKEY

BISHAM: Under-21 international: England 0, Germany 0

LACROSSE

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP: United States 17, Czech Republic 2 (in Edinburgh)
TOUR MATCH: England Under-19 12, Japan 5 (at Stockport).

REAL TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian open championship: Quarter-finals: F Filippelli (Aus) bt L Deuchar (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; J Snow (GB) bt M Clothier (US), 6-0, 6-0, 6-1.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Queensland Country XV 5, South Africa XV 63 (in Mackay); Queensland XV 17, Cardiff 15 (in Brisbane)
SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Australia 8, Scotland 17 (in Sydney).

TENNIS

CINCINNATI: Men's tournament (US unless stated). First round: L Mattar (Br) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 6-3, 3-1, ret; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt L Paes (India), 6-4, 6-2; W Ferreira (SA) bt K Carlsen (Den), 6-4, 6-3; J Siemerink (Holl) bt G Doyle (Aus), 5-3, 6-2; R Reneberg bt S Stolle (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; A Cherkasov (Russ) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-4, 6-0; A Agassi bt T Martin, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Second round: D Flach bt I Lendl, 7-6, 2-6, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-4, 6-3
LOS ANGELES: Women's tournament: First round: A Gavaldon (Mex) bt R De Los Rios (Par), 6-1, 6-0; E Smylie (Aus) bt J Watanabe (US), 6-0, 6-3; N Baudone (It) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt L Field (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; L McNeil (US) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 7-5, 6-3. Second round: Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt A Keller (US), 6-3, 6-4; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Gelarsa (It), 6-3, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz) bt D Scott (US), 6-1, 6-2; J Halard (Fr) bt C Wood (GB), 6-2, 6-1
SAN MARINO: Men's tournament: First round: R Furlan (It) bt A Portas (Sp), 6-2, 6-1, M Stringari (Arg) bt M A Gomz (Sp), 7-5, 2-6 6-4
SEGOVIA, Spain: ATP challenger tournament: Second round: M Rincon (Col) bt A Foster (GB), 7-6 7-5.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US), 4,197pts, 2, J Courier (US), 3,845; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 3,230; 4, B Becker (Ger), 2,786; 5, S Bruguera (Sp), 2,561; 6, M Stich (Ger), 2,227; 7, I Lendl (US), 2,103; 8, R Krajicek (Holl), 2,093; 9, M Chang (US), 1,982; 10, P Korda (Cz), 1,938; 11, G Ivanisevic (Cro), 1,894; 12, A Medvedev (Ukr), 1,836; 13, T Muster (Austria), 1,700; 14, T Martin (US), 1,526; 15, K Novacek (Cz), 1,452; 16, A Volkov (Russ), 1,410; 17, C Pioline (Fr), 1,370; 18, W Ferreira (SA), 1,352; 19, G Forget (Fr), 1,334; 20, M Washington (US), 1,232. British placings: 128, C Wilkinson, 336; 135, J Bates, 321; 193, C Bailey, 203; 210, A Foster, 175; 219, M Patchey, 159; 343, M MacLagan, 68; 380, R Matthyson, 57; 404, N Gould, 52; 425, S Cole, 48; 523, T Henman, 33. Money-winners: 1, Courier, $1,508,936; 2, Sampras, $1,368,025; 3, Bruguera, $1,254,654; 4, Stich, $1,205,841; 5, Edberg, $755,169; 6, Krajicek, $630,093; 7, Medvedev, $611,966; 8, Becker, $579,329; 9, Chang, $565,758; 10, Novacek, $552,236.

YACHTING

BRIDHAM: 420 national championship: Third race: 1, N Rogers and G Norton, 2, J Merrick and I Lovering, 3, D Edwards and R Venning. 4, J Lea and B Staite

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Lemon Souffle injury adds to Carnarvon's misfortune

By Julian Muscat

LORD Carnarvon's juvenile Lemon Souffle, an assured favourite for the Lowther Stakes at York next week, has pulled a muscle in her quarters and has been ruled out of the group two test.

The injury, while not serious in the long term, completes a week of wretched fortune for Carnarvon, whose multiple group-winning three-year-old filly, Niche, was put down last Thursday after she got loose on the gallops and collided with a blacksmith's van.

It was Niche who carried Carnarvon's colours to an easy victory in the Lowther Stakes last year while Kittyhawk, who won the race for him in 1980, is a relative of Lemon Souffle.

"Lemon Souffle won't be off work for long but she'll have to miss York," a disappointed Richard Hannon said of the Cherry Hinton Stakes winner, who remains unbeaten in three outings. The filly will now attempt to extend that sequence in the Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh next month.

Reflecting on a traumatic seven days, Carnarvon, who was holidaying in Wyoming at the time of Niche's accident, said yesterday: "Sadly, these things happen. Lemon Souffle's injury probably has something to do with her having grown a lot recently but what happened to Niche was terrible. It was one of those appalling accidents.

"We've had floods of letters and messages; people have been very kind. But the worst thing is that Niche hadn't shown us her best. I don't think. She looked group one class when she won at Newmarket."

Carnarvon has a foal half-sister to Niche, by Green Desert, at his Highclere Stud and will offer Niche's yearling half-brother, by Persian Bold, at the Tattersalls Houghton Sales in October.

Hannon was quick to put Lemon Souffle's injury behind him at Salisbury yesterday when he sent out a double, initiated by Dana Springs in the listed Upavon Fillies Stakes over ten furlongs. A daughter of Aragon, Dana Springs showed a tenacity utterly typical of a Hannon graduate in outlasting Andromaque by half a length.

Dana Springs, initially bought by Hannon for Tony Budge, cost the trainer only 3,800 guineas when he retained her at the Budge dispersal. She is now worth at least 20 times that sum.

Her next target is the valuable Piaget d'Or at Deauville, which is restricted to horses purchased at the Deauville Sales, and Hannon said: "We will have a go because prize-money goes down to tenth place. This filly is amazingly tough, she never gives up."

Hannon's double, and winner No 113 for the season, was completed by Down D Islands, partnered by Pat Eddery, who responded to the racecourse announcement that Kevin Darley, his rival for the jockeys' championship, had ridden the first four winners at Beverley with a double of his own.

Traumatic time: Carnarvon sent floods of messages

Two names for the future are the juveniles, Majestic Eagle and Wild Planet, both runaway winners of divisions of the EBF Sandown Maiden Stakes over six furlongs.

John Hills, trainer of Majestic Eagle, is entitled to cast an optimistic eye at the Middle Park Stakes in October after his colt ran away from Bahrain Star to the tune of six lengths.

Wild Planet was even more impressive in dismissing her field by eight lengths and more, although she did have the benefit of two previous starts under her belt.

This Nureyev filly carries much the same markings as her sire, although it is surely asking too much for her to have inherited all his ability. Nevertheless, she is yet another two-year-old for whom Roger Charlton must have lofty aspirations.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HASTY BANK
(3.10 Beverley)

Next best: Reprehend
(3.50 Salisbury)

Darley's four cuts Eddery title lead

KEVIN Darley is at last being treated as a serious candidate for the 1993 jockeys' championship by punters and bookmakers alike.

The former champion apprentice, who last week became the first northern-based Flat rider for 12 years to top the century mark in a British season, is now just five behind Pat Eddery after sustaining his challenge with an impressive 119-1 four-timer at Beverley yesterday.

The reaction from William Hill was to cut Darley's title odds from 5-1 to 7-2 following his Beverley bonanza, and ease Eddery's price to 6-1 on from 8-1 on.

A spokesman for Hills, David Hood, said: "Kevin was a 100-1 chance for the title at the start of the turf season, but this last week has seen his price tumble from 8-1 to less than half those odds. The biggest bet we have laid recently was one of £4,000 to £1,000."

Hood emphasised that Hills's championship betting is for the duration of the Flat turf season only, but wins on the all-weather tracks between Doncaster in March and Folkestone (November 8) will count.

After winning on his final mount at Catterick on Tuesday night, Darley continued in spectacular form as he collected four consecutive Beverley victories.

He was successful on Sense Of Priority, Left Stranded, Sun Grebe and Efizia for four different stables as he boosted his tally to 111. Eddery replied with a Salisbury double which moved him onto the 116 mark.

Darley's regular two meetings-a-day schedule has helped him achieve the remarkable feat of nearly doubling his winner tally in less than six weeks — his score was just 58 at the start of July.

"It makes you appreciate the achievements of men like Sir Gordon Richards before the war when they had to travel everywhere by car," Darley said.

□ Sayyedati, narrowly defeated in the Sussex Stakes, will face a maximum nine rivals in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville on Sunday. Clive Brittain's filly, second to Bigstone at Goodwood, is set to meet Kingmambo. Other rivals include Verveine, Elizabeth Bay, Rouquette, Gold Splash, Ski Paradise and John Dunlop's Alhijaz.

Quick Ransom on course

QUICK Ransom earned a return trip to York next Wednesday to bid for a second Ebor victory when coming through a searching gallop at Middleham yesterday.

Out of action since the Northumberland Plate in June when he was badly struck into, the five-year-old has also been suffering from a niggling back problem. But, following the workout under regular rider Dean McKeown, his trainer Mark Johnston said: "He worked in fine style and is definitely okay for the Ebor."

Quick Ransom is a general 12-1 chance behind the favourite, My Patriarch, cut to 8-1 from 9-1 by William Hill yesterday. League Leader, 16-1 from 20-1, and Brandon Prince, 20-1 from 25-1, were also backed. Turgenev, now 14-1, came in for support with Hills and race sponsors, the Tote.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

2.20 Ghost Tree. 2.50 Good Fetch. 3.20 With Gusto. 3.50 Reprehend. 4.20 Ajdayt. 4.50 BUNTY BOO (nap). 5.20 Harry's Coming.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 GHOST TREE (nap). 2.50 Star Jazz.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.50 LUCKY PARKES.

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2.20 BROAD CHALKE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £3,523: 6f 212yd) (12 runners)

1 (4) 0020-0 BALLET 108 (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 75
2 (1) 260520 BOBBIE DEE 13 (Mrs N Dutfield) D Elsworth 8-11 ... R Cochrane [top]
3 (11) 0 CIRCLE OF CHALK 27 (BF) (S Marchos) R Charlton 8-11 ... S Raymont –
4 (5) 42 COMMON LAW 12 (BF) (Mrs N Myers) R Charlton 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 98
5 (10) 000 CUT FINE 27 (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... Paul Eddery –
6 (6) 23-0224 DESERT VENUS 29 (A Ali) S Hanbury 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 95
7 (12) 2 GHOST TREE 105 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ... M Roberts 94
8 (9) JASARAH (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 ... W Carson –
9 (7) 00 JOAN'S GIFT 3 (R Lamb) C Benstead 8-11 ... T Williams –
10 (8) MYJINKA (Miss P Westbrook) J O'Donoghue 8-11 ... J Williams –
11 (3) 42- POLAR MOON 444 (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 8-11 ... A Munro 78
12 (2) TOUCHEE BOUCHEE (Mrs M Duff) M Channon 8-11 ... T Quinn –

BETTING: 5-2 Ghost Tree, 4-1 Common Law, 9-2 Jasarah, 6-1 Bobbie Dee, 8-1 Circle Of Chalk, 10-1 others.

1992: SWEET JAFFA 8-9 W Carson (7-2) W Hern 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOBBIE DEE 4l 5th of 18 to Western Cape in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft). COMMON LAW short-head 2nd of 9 to Ok Bertie in a claimer at Newmarket (7f, good). DESERT VENUS 2½l 2nd of 10 to Elosha in a maiden at Yarmouth in June (7f, 6ml). GHOST TREE 2l 2nd of 11 to Khubza in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). POLAR MOON 4l 2nd of 9 to Mystic Goddess in a maiden at Leicester (6f, good).
Selection: COMMON LAW

2.50 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,390: 6f) (18 runners)

1 (16) PRINCE OF ANITA (Mrs A Quinn) S Pattng 8-13 ... D Holland –
2 (18) TRADE WIND (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-13 ... J Williams –
3 (12) 3 NOBLE SPIRIT 24 (BF) (P Howell) R Hannon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 91
4 (17) 0 PLATINI 27 (Ire) (Highflyers) R Hannon 8-11 ... M Roberts 87
5 (6) JAYANNPEE (J Paniccia) I Balding 8-9 ... L Dettori –
6 (5) FOOT TAPPER (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 8-8 ... R Price –
7 (15) 6304 HENRY'S LUCK 7 (T Langley) M Channon 8-8 ... S Whitworth 93
8 (14) 665 MIDSEAS 11 (T Ford) Miss J Doyle 8-8 ... J Reid 89
9 (9) POLAR QUEST (K Styles) M McCormack 8-8 ... J Carroll –
10 (2) 52 SANGARE 19 (BF) (Mrs N Elwes) J Dunlop 8-8 ... W Carson 91
11 (13) 43 JOYRIDER 15 (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) M Bell 8-7 ... M Hills 86
12 (8) PARTY LINE (G Moore) Lord Huntingdon 8-6 ... A Munro –
13 (7) 0 INFRA BLUE 15 (M Wan) G Lewis 8-5 ... D Harrison (3) –
14 (10) 0 SEE MY GUEST 27 (Seven Seas Racing) D Marks 8-5 ... S Dawson –
15 (4) 3 STAR JAZZ 10 (Southgate Racing) Mrs J Cecil 8-5 ... Paul Eddery [top]
16 (11) 2 GOOD FETCH 15 (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 8-2 ... T Quinn 96
17 (3) 02 LADY-BO-K 9 (Ms T McEvoy) Bob Jones 8-2 ... R Hills 98
18 (1) 66 NO WHAT I MEAN 108 (A Gome) J Moore 8-1 ... T Williams 85

BETTING: 11-4 Star Jazz, 9-2 Good Fetch, 6-1 Sangare, 13-2 Jayannpee, 8-1 Noble Spirit, 10-1 Joyrider, Platini, 12-1 Party Line, 16-1 Henry's Luck, Trade Wind, 20-1 others.

1992: EXCLUSIVELY YOURS 7-10 D Harrison (2-1) R Guest 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

NOBLE SPIRIT 1l and a neck 3rd of 11 to Monkey Music in a maiden at Bath (5f, good). HENRY'S LUCK 3½l 3rd of 9 to Nakda in a maiden auction over course and distance last month (good to firm). SANGARE head 2nd of 8 to Stalloso in a maiden at Southwell (6f, good). STAR JAZZ 7l and a neck 3rd of 9 to Solar Wagon in a maiden at Ripon (6f, good to firm). GOOD FETCH 1½l 2nd of 7 to Little Beaut in a maiden auction at Epsom (6f, good), with INFRA BLUE (3lb worse off) 10½l 7th. LADY-BO-K 2½l 2nd of 10 to One On One in a maiden auction at Nottingham (6f, good to firm).
Selection: GOOD FETCH

3.20 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP
(Qualifier: £4,077: 1m 6f) (17 runners)

1 (1) 360213- SHERINGA 335 (C,BF,S) (D Sharing) G Balding 4-10-0 ... J Williams 90
2 (7) 0/04133- LAST CONQUEST 405 (D,F) (J Joseph) R O'Sullivan 4-9-7 ... D Biggs 90
3 (12) 32-0422 ADDICTED TO LOVE 12 (B,G) (Mascalls Stud) P Makin 4-8-6 ... W R Swinburn 95
4 (3) 541142 ALLMOSA 21 (BF,F,G) (The Durdans Four (B) Ten) T Naughton 4-9-4 ... Paul Eddery 93
5 (13) 602215 HATTA RIVER 21 (B,BF,F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-1 ... M Roberts 92
6 (16) 5-21201 HIGH SUMMER 33 (CD,F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-12 ... L Dettori 87
7 (5) 061110 SUMMER WIND 11 (D,F,G,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 3-8-11 ... R Cochrane 97
8 (4) 205235 EDGE OF DARKNESS 24 (G,S) (Mrs M Tinkler) J Hills 4-8-10 ... D Harrison (3) 95
9 (9) 00-6003 SWIFT ROMANCE 17 (G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 5-8-7 ... S Whitworth 92
10 (10) 200412 FANATICAL 8 (F,G) (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 7-8-4 ... W Newnes 92
11 (8) 1000-00 CHARMED LIFE 50 (G) (P Brazier) P Leach 4-8-4 ... N Adams 98
12 (11) 015212 WITH GUSTO 11 (G) (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-1 ... W Carson [top]
13 (14) 365362 ROCQUAINE BAY 14 (C,F) (D Woolland) M Bolton 6-7-13 ... C Rutter 94
14 (15) 0-30012 WHITE RIVER 13 (F) (C Thomas) D Haydn Jones 7-7-12 ... T Williams 94
15 (2) 253124 SINGING REPLY 8 (D,G) (Mrs K Osman) R Price 5-7-8 ... A Tucker 96
16 (6) 060530 CATHOS 8 (F,G,S) (P Allen) D Wilson 8-7-8 ... J Quinn 98
17 (17) 0-00020 SUDANOR 24 (B Millman) B Millman 4-7-7 ... D Wright (5) 97

Long handicap: Sudanor 7-3.

BETTING: 4-1 Addicted To Love, 9-2 White River, 6-1 Hatta River, High Summer, 7-1 Allmosa, 8-1 Summer Wind, With Gusto, 12-1 Sheringa, 14-1 Swift Romance, 16-1 Rocquaine Bay, 25-1 others.

1992: WILKINS 3-8-6 G Carter (6-1 jt-fav) J Fanshawe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADDICTED TO LOVE neck 2nd of 8 to Bagalino in a handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good to firm). ALLMOSA 1l 2nd of 18 to Farmer's Pet in an amateur riders' handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to firm). HATTA RIVER beat Armenian Coffee 3½l in a 5-runner maiden at Warwick on penultimate start (1m 4f 115yd, firm). HIGH SUMMER beat Mardood a short head in an 11-runner amateur riders' race over course and distance (good to firm). SUMMER WIND beat Comme D'Habitude 3½l in a 6-runner handicap at Lingfield on penultimate start (2m, good to soft). FANATICAL beat WITH GUSTO (2lb better off) 1½l in a 13-runner handicap at Bath on penultimate start (1m 5f, good). ROCQUAINE BAY ¾l 2nd of 13 to Supreme Master in a handicap here (1m 4f, good). WHITE RIVER 2½l 2nd of 7 to Hunting Ground in a handicap at Edinburgh (1m 7f, good to firm). SINGING REPLY around 3½l 4th of 14 to Hunting Ground in a handicap at Nottingham (2m, good).
Selection: WHITE RIVER

3.50 WHITCHURCH STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,402: 6f 212yd) (3 runners)

1 (1) 1 BAROSSA VALLEY 27 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 ... J Reid 89
2 (2) 12 REPREHEND 51 (BF,F) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 8-12 ... Pat Eddery [top]
3 (3) 1 STAR TALENT 12 (S) (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-12 ... R Cochrane 92

BETTING: 4-5 Reprehend, 9-4 Barossa Valley, 3-1 Star Talent.

1992: LITTLE TOO MUCH 9-0 W Carson (5-2) G Harwood 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAROSSA VALLEY beat Jarrat's Way 2l in a 17-runner maiden at Newbury (6f, good). REPREHEND 1½l 2nd of 4 to First Trump in a conditions race at Newbury (6f, good). Beat Bluegrass Prince 1l in a 14-runner maiden at Newbury on debut (6f, good to firm). STAR TALENT beat Alafak 1½l in a 14-runner maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to soft).
Selection: STAR TALENT

4.20 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP
(£6,262: 1m) (13 runners)

1 (10) 2-15220 MARASTANI 35 (D,F) (C G Harwood) 3-9-10 ... J Reid 95
2 (8) 021110 AJDAYT 13 (CD,F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-6 ... M Roberts 95
3 (5) 311012 MOON SPIN 8 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs W Hern) W Hern 4-9-6 ... Paul Eddery [top]
4 (2) 15-4330 CARELAMAN 26 (G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 3-9-6 ... L Dettori 97
5 (11) 3115-63 WELLINGTON ROCK 19 (D,F) (Lady Sophia Morrison) J Toller 4-9-3 ... W Newnes 93
6 (13) 13-0400 RAKIS 20 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-9-2 ... W Carson 98
7 (3) 100063 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 14 (D,F,G) (B Cullen) D Elsworth 6-9-1 ... R Cochrane 95
8 (9) 043213 LORD OBERON 19 (V,D,F,G) (Mrs A Quinn) J Akehurst 5-8-11 ... T Quinn 96
9 (6) 50-5144 EXHIBIT AIR 51 (F) (A Hornall) R Hannon 3-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 94
10 (7) 210500 NORTH ESK 5 (CD,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 4-8-7 ... A Munro 95
11 (1) 0-30104 POLAR STORM 14 (C,F,S) (Dexam International Ltd) Lady Herries 3-8-5 ... J Williams 91
12 (4) 604132 LADY LACEY 14 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs K Perris) G Balding 6-7-13 ... N Varley (7) 96
13 (12) 1/00321 DUCKEY FUZZ 13 (G,S) (Mrs W Faleti) R Flower 5-7-12 ... D Wright (5) 95

BETTING: 4-1 Lady Lacey, 9-2 Moon Spin, 11-2 Ajdayt, 6-1 Camden's Ransom, 7-1 Lord Oberon, 8-1 Duckey Fuzz, Marastani, 12-1 Exhibit Air, 16-1 Polar Storm, Wellington Rock, 25-1 others.

1992: TWO LEFT FEET 5-10-0 G Duffield (11-2) M Prescott 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

AJDAYT beat Rue Rembrandt a short head in a 12-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start (good to firm). LORD OBERON ¾l 3rd of 16 to Dawning Street in a handicap at Ascot (1m good). EXHIBIT AIR 8l 4th of 12 to Midnight Heights in a handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good). NORTH ESK beat MARASTANI (1lb worse off) 1l in a 7-runner handicap over course and distance in June, with RAKIS (5lb better off) 2½l 4th. LADY LACEY short-head 2nd of 12 to Googly in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft), with CAMDEN'S RANSOM (5lb better off) 1l 3rd and NORTH ESK (9lb better off) 13l 9th.
Selection: LORD OBERON

4.50 AMESBURY STAKES
(Fillies & mares: £3,720: 5f) (9 runners)

1 (7) 315110 MISS VAXETTE 20 (D,BF,F,S) (Vax Ltd) J Spearing 4-9-12 ... M Humphries (7) 83
2 (9) 211311 LUCKY PARKES 17 (D,F,G) (J Heler) J Berry 3-9-8 ... J Carroll [top]
3 (3) 606235 BUNTY BOO 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 4-9-6 ... T Quinn 92
4 (5) 045-240 INHERENT MAGIC 92 (D,G) (Mrs S Stovold) M McCormack 4-9-5 ... M Roberts 75
5 (1) 452222 SHEILA'S SECRET 13 (D,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 3-9-4 ... J Reid 94
6 (8) 53-1340 BROCKTON DANCER 13 (B,F,G) R Hannon 3-9-0 ... Mark Denaro (7) 83
7 (4) 306500 SIMPLY SOOTY 29 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Joint) B Millman 3-9-0 ... S Whitworth 87
8 (2) 15 WAFFLE ON 46 (BF,G) (T Holland-Martin) J Fanshawe 3-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 82
9 (6) 0-24003 YAKIN 13 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-10 ... R Hills 84

BETTING: 9-4 Bunty Boo, 11-4 Lucky Parkes, 5-1 Miss Vaxette, 11-2 Yakin, 7-1 Sheila's Secret, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MISS VAXETTE beat Macs Maharanee 1l in an 8-runner handicap at Newmarket on penultimate start (5f, good to soft). LUCKY PARKES beat Stack Rock 2l in a 3-runner conditions race at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). BUNTY BOO 3½l 5th of 11 to Lochsong in the group III King George Stakes at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). INHERENT MAGIC 2½l 4th of 9 to Stack Rock in a handicap at Chester in May (5f, good to firm).
Selection: BUNTY BOO

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(£3,287: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (11) 063560 BAYSHAM 1 (B,CD,G,S) (W Butt) B Millman 7-10-0 ... S Whitworth 96
2 (5) 00-5002 WILD AND LOOSE 11 (C,G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 5-9-12 ... Tracey Purseglove (7) 92
3 (8) 435234 FACE THE FUTURE 24 (BF) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-6 ... W R Swinburn 98
4 (3) 031000 AROOM 12 (B,G) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-9-5 ... W Carson 97
5 (10) 051434 HARRY'S COMING 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Weincrall) R Hodges 9-9-2 ... M Hills 98
6 (6) 406402 UNVEILED 7 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs K Burge) R Hodges 5-8-10 ... S Drowne (7) 96
7 (9) 00-0336 DONTDRESSFORDINNER 24 (K O'Meara) D R Tucker 3-8-6 ... D Wright (5) 93
8 (7) 860600 SLIVOVITZ 22 (B) (B Simpson) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-2 ... M Roberts [top]
9 (2) 005005 GALLANT HOPE 28 (B,C,D,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 11-8-0 ... J Quinn 97
10 (4) 0-0000 BAYFAN 14 (B) (E Houghton) J Moore 3-7-11 ... A McGlone 89
11 (1) 505-6 AGWA 12 (T Baker) R O'Sullivan 4-7-11 ... F Norton 96

BETTING: 4-1 Wild And Loose, 5-1 Harry's Coming, Unveiled, 6-1 Face The Future, 7-1 Baysham, Dontdressfordinner, 10-1 Agwa, 12-1 Gallant Hope, Slivovitz, 20-1 others.

1992: GREY CHARMER 3-7-10 Dale Gibson (16-1) C James 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAYSHAM 11l 12th to Court Minstrel in a 19-runner handicap over this course yesterday (6f 212yd, good to firm). WILD AND LOOSE 3l 2nd of 13 to Luciyan Treasure in a seller at Lingfield (AW, 7f, standard). FACE THE FUTURE short-head 2nd of 12 to Kilty's Filly in a handicap at Catterick in June (6f, good). AROOM 11l 7th of 8 to Kassbaan in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good). HARRY'S COMING 5l 4th of 13 to Spectacle Jim in a handicap at Windsor (6f, good). UNVEILED 1½l 2nd of 10 to Samson-Agonistes in a claimer at Bath (5f, good to firm). GALLANT HOPE 8l 6th of 10 to Umbria in a handicap at Chepstow (5f, soft).
Selection: FACE THE FUTURE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Harwood	27	89	30.3	W R Swinburn	12	50	24.0
J Fanshawe	5	17	29.4	Pat Eddery	23	108	21.3
J Gosden	7	24	29.2	M Roberts	11	57	19.3
A Stewart	4	17	23.5	M Hills	9	52	17.3
B Hanbury	3	14	21.4	A Munro	11	70	15.7

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

2.00 Merlins Wish. 2.30 Celcius. 3.00 Belafonte. 3.30 Pharly Story. 4.00 Skipping Tim. 4.30 The Executor.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM   SIS

2.00 WALLABROOK NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,948: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 4-1 MERLINS WISH 10 (CD,F) M Pipe 4-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
2 P/ INTUITIVE JOE 717 R Buckler 5-11-0 ... B Powell
3 0- JACKSON SQUARE 327 P Rodford 5-11-0 ... S Burrough
4 00/0 MY HARRY BOY 5 W G M Turner 6-11-0 ... G Upton
5 00- SEASIDE MINSTREL 54F R Manning 5-11-0 ... D Leahy (5)
6 25-1 ATHAR 8 (D,F) R Baker 4-10-12 ... L Harvey
7 D0F- JR'S PET 103 D Barons 6-10-9 ... R Davis (5)
8 BRACE OF PHEASANTS N Mitchell 4-10-6 ... D Skyrme

2-5 Merlins Wish, 4-1 Athar, 8-1 JR's Pet, 16-1 Seaside Minstrel, 25-1 others.

2.30 AVON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,838: 2m 6f) (10)

1 62-2 CELCIUS 8 (B,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 5-31 TRUST DEED 8 (B,F,G) Mrs A Knight 5-10-7 (7ex) M A Fitzgerald
3 0P-1 ROWHEDGE 3 (D,F,G) Miss J Doyle 7-10-5 ... S Curran (7)
4 33-F SNOOKER TABLE 8 (F,G) A Fonta 10-10-5 ... D Gallagher
5 /00- STANE STREET 8F (G) R Phillips 5-10-4 ... J Railton
6 40-3 PANATHINAIKOS 13 (G) G Ham 8-10-1 ... B Powell
7 3P-4 FASHION PRINCESS 8 (F) Mrs A Knight 7-10-0 D Matthews (7)
8 5P-1 EMMA VICTORIA 8 (F) R Brotherton 5-10-0 (7ex) D Bridgwater
9 6F-0 STAPLEFORD LADY 12 R Manning 5-10-0 ... D Leahy (5)
10 5P-3 SUNDAY JIM 10 H Webb 9-10-0 ... D Meade (7)

2-1 Trust Deed, 3-1 Rowhedge, 7-2 Celcius, 6-1 Emma Victoria, 10-1 Snooker Table, 16-1 others.

3.00 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES CHASE
(£2,762: 2m 5f) (7)

1 062- BELAFONTE 54F (F,G,S) C Brooks 6-11-4 ... G Bradley
2 434- CORNISH COSSACK 104 D Barons 6-11-4 ... R Davis (5)
3 U/P0 DANNY'S LUCK 10 (F,G) B Scriven 11-11-4 ... S Mackey
4 F NEEDS MUST 8 R Frost 6-11-4 ... J Frost
5 V02- OLD BRIG 153 (B,G) M Pipe 7-11-4 ... R Dunwoody
6 ROUCHEAL T Hallett 8-11-4 ... N Hawke
7 6PP- WIN ELECTRIC 134 Mrs R Henderson 7-10-13 Mr W Henderson

6-4 Belafonte, 2-1 Old Brig, 7-2 Cornish Cossack, 12-1 Needs Must, 25-1 others.

3.30 ALLER PARK HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,563: 2m 1f) (6)

1 00F- TIGER CLAW 7F (D,F,G) R Hodges 7-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 /2F- KADAN 351 (D,F,G) W G Turner 9-11-10 ... Tracy Turner
3 213- PHARLY STORY 19F (B,D,BF,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-8 R Dunwoody
4 2P4- SHALCHLO BOY 116 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 9-10-7 N Williamson
5 351- MISTER LAWSON 5F (D,F,G) B Forsey 7-10-0 ... I Shoemark
6 P0S- INNOCENT PRINCESS 100 (C,F,G,S) D Barons 6-10-0 ... R Davis (5)

11-8 Pharly Story, 4-1 Tiger Claw, 9-2 Mister Lawson, 8-1 Shalchlo Boy, 8-1 Kadan, 12-1 Innocent Princess.

4.00 PINE LODGE CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,074: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 13-1 SKIPPING TIM 12 (CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 14-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 F4/P SAMSUN 6 (F,G) C Popham 11-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 PP-1 JACK THE HIKER 10 (C,F,S) T Hallett 10-10-0 (7ex) M Richards
4 2P4- MR TITTLE TATTLE 122 (B,F) K Bailey 7-10-0 ... N Williamson
5 00-4 CLEANING UP 8 (F) A Chamberlain 11-10-0 ... B Powell
6 35-P DUNRAVEN ROYAL 13 (B,CD,F,S) R Curtis 10-10-0 ... D Morris

13-8 Skipping Tim, 2-1 Jack The Hiker, 100-30 Mr Tittle Tattle, 11-2 Samsun, 20-1 others.

4.30 KNOWLES HILL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,822: 2m 1f) (6)

1 1 THE EXECUTOR 12 (CD,F) M Pipe 11-4 ... R Dunwoody
2 GREAT PLOVER 14F Mrs A Knight 10-12 ... S Burrough
3 0 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 5 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 10-12 S Keightley
4 VENTURE PRINTS 293F S Cole 10-12 ... R Bellamy
5 4 APACHEE FLOWER 12 H Howe 10-7 ... Mr G Lewis (7)
6 3 FREE DANCER 5 R Brotherton 10-7 ... D Bridgwater

2-7 The Executor, 5-1 Free Dancer, 7-1 Queens Contractor, 8-1 Apachee Flower, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 97 winners from 308 runners, 31.5%; C Brooks, 8 from 27, 29.6%; K Bailey, 8 from 28, 28.6%; R Curtis, 3 from 13, 23.1%; G Ham, 11 from 74, 14.9%; D Barons, 15 from 102, 14.7%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 7 winners from 29 rides, 24.1%; N Williamson, 8 from 34, 23.5%; R Dunwoody, 17 from 73, 23.3%; D Bridgwater, 4 from 24, 16.7%; S Mackey, 4 from 25, 16.0%; M Richards, 5 from 35, 14.3%.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.10 Gaelic Star. 2.40 Kabcast. 3.10 Hit The Canvas. 3.40 Vallance. 4.10 Famous Beauty. 4.40 Exotic Forest.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.40 Exotic Forest.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM   SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 ST JOHN AMBULANCE CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,106: 5f) (10 runners)

1 MATABUNGKAY M Camacho 9-0 ... N Connorton 1
2 2250 LUCKUS LOCKET 19 J Berry 8-12 ... J Fortune 5
3 1224 LADY SHERIFF 6 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 8-9 ... T Lucas 2
4 BOLD JOKER J Leigh 8-8 ... K Fallon 6
5 0383 GAELIC STAR 8 R Hollinshead 8-8 ... W Ryan 8
6 6346 HELLABY 8 (B) S Norton 8-4 ... K Darley 3
7 054 MONSIEUR PETONG 7 M Channon 8-4 ... P Robinson 4
8 040 MUCKROSS PARK 132 K Hogg 8-3 ... J Weaver 9
9 0051 DANGEROUS SHADOW 19 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 8-1 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 10
10 0 PAGODA 24 W Jarvis 8-1 ... G Duffield 7

2-1 Dangerous Shadow, 9-2 Lady Sheriff, 11-2 Luckus Locket, 6-1 Hellaby, 7-1 Gaelic Star, 10-1 Monsieur Petong, 12-1 Pagoda, 20-1 others.

2.40 STRUTHERS & CARTER SPRINT HANDICAP
(£3,877: 5f) (14)

1 /203 SHE'S SMART 6 (CD,F) M H Easterby 5-10-0 ... M Birch 13
2 6222 DRUM SERGEANT 2 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-9-12 ... J Weaver 14
3 0050 CRYSTAL JACK 13 (V,D,F,G,S) F Lee 5-9-10 ... S Perks 12
4 0061 ANOTHER LANE 18 (CD,F) J Wharton 6-9-8 ... P Robinson 10
5 4000 LOVE LEGEND 8 (V,D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 8-9-4 ... A Procter (5) 8
6 6620 SAVAHRA SOUND 12 (F,G,S) S Bowring 8-9-4 ... S Webster 1
7 6531 HERE COMES A STAR 15 (D,F,G) J Carr 5-9-2 ... A Clark 6
8 4602 PALLIUM 14 (CD,F,G) M Naughton 5-9-1 ... K Fallon 7
9 -120 OUBECK 21 (BF,F) E Weymes 3-8-12 ... B Raymond 4
10 6523 SLADES HILL 5 (D,F,G,S) T Barron 6-8-12 ... K Darley 3
11 2355 SIR TASKER 8 (D,F,G) J Harris 5-8-8 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 5
12 4221 KABCAST 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-4 (7ex) ... S Wood 11
13 /00- GOODBYE MR MARKS 402 N Bycroft 5-8-3 ... Dale Gibson 9
14 0006 ADMIRALS REALM 8 (F) B McMahon 4-8-2 ... A Mackay 2

5-1 Another Lane, 6-1 Kabcast, Here Comes A Star, 7-1 Slades Hill, 8-1 Drum Sergeant, Sir Tasker, 10-1 She's Smart, 12-1 Love Legend, 14-1 others.

3.10 LADY TAVERNERS NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,258: 7f 100yd) (16)

1 412 NEW INN 15 (D,G) E Weymes 9-7 ... W Ryan 13
2 5221 CALL TO MIND 42 (D,F) M H Easterby 9-5 ... M Birch 5
3 01 HAM N'EGGS 38 (D,F) R Hannon 9-1 ... G Duffield 16
4 U322 HIT THE CANVAS 6 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 8-10 ... K Darley 10
5 5215 OVIDEO 28 (D,BF,F) J Watts 8-8 ... J Lowe 11
6 026 GLENVALLY 22 B Murray 8-7 ... P Robinson 8
7 631 MIDNIGHT MAGPIE 17 (F) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 ... K Fallon 12
8 5540 PARISH WALK 3 K Hogg 8-4 ... F Savage (7) 3
9 4205 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 58 J Leigh 8-2 ... Dale Gibson 9
10 333 HASTY BANK 16 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-1 ... L Charnock 1
11 6454 BALLARD RING 9 J Wainwright 8-1 ... J Fanning 6
12 6345 BERNIE'S SISTER 6 C Allen 8-0 ... G Bardwell 7
13 6212 UP THE MARINERS 8 (G) J Mooney 8-0 ... A Mackay 14
14 4050 TILOUHILLIE ROSE 5 M W Easterby 7-13 ... S Maloney (3) 15
15 1062 SURPRISE BREEZE 20 (C,F) R Whitaker 7-11 ... N Carlisle 4
16 5350 FORREST MASTER 52 Miss L Perratt 7-9 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 2

5-1 Midnight Magpie, 6-1 Hit The Canvas, Hasty Bank, 8-1 Ham N'Eggs, Johnnie The Joker, 10-1 Call To Mind, 12-1 Ovideo, Glenvally, 14-1 others.

3.40 BOG TROTTER HANDICAP
(£5,089: 1m 1f 207yd) (9)

1 6318 VALLANCE 36 (D,F,G) P Harris 5-10-0 ... J Tate (5) 9
2 220 RAFTERS 78 W Haggas 4-9-7 ... N Day 2
3 4600 LYFORD CAY 13 (B,S) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-6 ... Stephen Davies (5) 7
4 0402 JERVIA 10 (C,F) J Watts 3-9-3 ... G Duffield 5
5 0041 SEEK THE PEARL 31 (CD,F) J Fanshawe 3-8-13 ... P Robinson 4
6 6003 BAY QUEEN 22 (CD,F,S) M Bell 3-8-12 ... M Fenton (3) 6
7 0145 WASSL THIS THEN 12 (D,F,S) D Arbuthnot 4-8-9 ... K Darley 8
8 2421 FAIR FLYER 10 (F,G) M Johnston 4-8-6 (5ex) ... R P Elliott 3
9 -064 MBULWA 9 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 7-7-8 ... L Charnock 1

7-2 Seek The Pearl, 4-1 Jervia, 5-1 Vallance, 6-1 Fair Flyer, 7-1 Bay Queen, 10-1 Rafters, Wassl This Then, 12-1 Lyford Cay, Mbulwa.

4.10 TOLL GAVEL SELLING STAKES
(£2,950: 2m 35yd) (7)

1 50-0 ALIZARI 61 J Mooney 4-9-6 ... S Webster 1
2 0560 REACH FOR GLORY 12J (F) R Whitaker 4-9-6 ... A Culhane 7
3 TRENTSIDE VALOUR 75J (V) C Smith 8-9-6 ... K Rutter (5) 5
4 2212 POST IMPRESSIONIST 15 (G) J Harris 4-9-5 ... K Darley 3
5 3335 FAMOUS BEAUTY 16 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-1 ... W Ryan 4
6 0353 RAVENSPUR 22 J Parkes 3-8-5 ... J Weaver 2
7 D006 NEWGATESKY 7 B Murray 3-8-0 ... J Fanning 6

7-4 Post Impressionist, 9-4 Famous Beauty, 5-1 Ravenspur, 7-1 Reach For Glory, 16-1 Alizari, 20-1 others.

4.40 EBF ROUTH MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,913: 5f) (8)

1 00 EXOTIC FOREST 12 N Wright 8-11 ... G Duffield 8
2 002 IVA'S FLYER 8 J Berry 8-11 ... L Charnock 1
3 0 MILLIE'S DREAM 12 F Lee 8-11 ... W Ryan 2
4 032 MISS PIGALLE 13 Miss L Perratt 8-11 ... J Fanning 4
5 056 MY GALLERY 5 A Bailey 8-11 ... A Mackay 5
6 02 RANKAIDADE 7 R Hollinshead 8-11 ... S Perks 3
7 0 SKIPTAMALOO 19 J Harris 8-11 ... P Robinson 6
8 06 TRYSAIL 94 J Glover 8-11 ... K Darley 7

5-2 Iva's Flyer, 7-2 Miss Pigalle, 5-1 My Gallery, 6-1 Rankaidade, 7-1 Skiptamaloo, 10-1 Millie's Dream, 12-1 Exotic Forest, 16-1 Trysail.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Harris, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; J Fanshawe, 7 from 22, 31.8%; M Channon, 7 from 23, 30.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 18 from 76, 23.7%; Mrs J Ramsden, 8 from 50, 16.0%; S Norton, 10 from 66, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 8 winners from 41 rides, 19.5%; Darren Moffatt, 3 from 17, 17.6%; W Ryan, 15 from 88, 17.0%; K Darley, 35 from 212, 16.5%; N Day, 4 from 25, 16.0%; B Raymond, 12 from 78, 15.4%.

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5.45 Bridge Player. 6.15 Killula Chief. 6.45 On The Sauce. 7.15 Mega Blue. 7.45 Breckenbrough Lad. 8.15 Ice Strike.

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5.45 FAMOUS GROUSE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,532: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 111- KHOJOHN 101 (D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 5-12-0 ... C Woodall (5)
2 221- THARSIS 66 (D,F,G) W Smith 8-11-13 ... S Taylor
3 6/2/ GRACE MOORE 707 (F) K Bishop 9-11-8 ... R Greene
4 05-1 LITTLE BIG 13 (F,G) C Broad 6-11-8 ... A Flannigan (5)
5 250- SMILES AHEAD 29F (C,G) P Bevan 5-11-6 ... N Bentley
6 50-6 KASHAN 5 (G) J Bradley 5-11-5 ... R Farrant
7 531- BRIDGE PLAYER 5F (D,S) D Moffatt 6-11-3 ... D J Moffatt
8 03-3 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 8 (F,G) T Casey 6-11-3 ... J McCarthy
9 63-5 COMING ALIVE 13 (F) N Mason 6-11-2 ... J Supple
10 000- STROKED AGAIN 66 (F) B Richmond 8-10-10 ... A Thornton

5-2 Little Big, 4-1 Khojohn, Tharsis, 6-1 Bridge Player, They All Forgot Me, 10-1 Smiles Ahead, 14-1 Coming Alive, 16-1 Kashan, 20-1 others.

6.15 BUNNAHABHAIN NOVICES CHASE
(£1,707: 2m 5f) (5)

1 2-11 NORSTOCK 8 (F,G,S) J White 8-11-7 ... A Maguire
2 8P-4 CAREFREE TIMES 12 (V) J Norton 6-11-0 ... A Mulholland
3 22-3 KILLULA CHIEF 8 (G) J O'Shea 6-11-0 ... M Dwyer
4 456- MOURNE WARRIOR 93 K White 10-11-0 ... A O'Hagan
5 3-25 SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 5 (B,F,S) T Bill 10-11-0 ... J Railton

4-5 Norstock, 11-4 Killula Chief, 6-1 Carefree Times, Solicitors Choice, 16-1 Mourne Warrior.

6.45 HIGHLAND PARK SELLING HURDLE
(£1,119: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 111- ON THE SAUCE 73 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 310- SHOW THE FLAG 68 (F) R Juckes 5-11-7 ... N Juckes (7)
3 245- BAYBEEJAY 93 (C,G) R Brotherton 6-11-2 ... D Bridgwater
4 00-0 ALAMIR 13 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-1 ... J Railton
5 450- GREEN'S SEAGO 17F J Harris 5-11-1 ... J A Harris
6 255- RAAWI 73 (D,F) J Norton 5-11-1 ... A Maguire
7 P-4 ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 12 (B) B McMahon 4-10-7 ... T Wall

4-6 On The Sauce, 7-2 Raawi, 7-1 Baybeejay, 10-1 Green's Seago, Show The Flag, 16-1 Absolutley Foxed, 20-1 Alamir.

7.15 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,158: 2m) (5)

1 12F- MEGA BLUE 101 (D,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-12 ... P Niven
2 54-2 TINAS LAD 5 (D,F,B,S) J Edwards 10-11-5 ... N Williamson
3 10-3 COTAPAXI 6 (D,F) R Hodges 8-10-10 ... R Dunwoody
4 23-3 POLDER 10 (D,F,G) D Williams 7-10-4 ... R Davis (5)
5 /0/P STORMGUARD 12 (D,F) A Forbes 10-10-0 ... T Eley (5)

6-4 Tinas Lad, 2-1 Cotapaxi, 5-2 Mega Blue, 8-1 Polder, 20-1 Stormguard.

7.45 TAMDHU TROPHY CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,553: 2m) (8)

1 5F0- NORTHERN NATION 78 (D,G) W Clay 5-12-0 ... Diane Clay
2 052- JAMESTOWN BOY 68 (B,D,F,G,S) B Preece 5-11-10 ... T Wall
3 03-3 KEY DEAR 8 (F) R Juckes 6-11-10 ... N Juckes (7)
4 00/ BRECKENBROUGH LAD 17F D Turner 6-11-4 ... A Flannigan (7)
5 433- CHEEKA 178 C Smith 4-11-3 ... M Ranger
6 P32/ IMMORTAL IRISH 444 (D,F) J Cresswell 8-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
7 030- NEARCTIC BAY 69 (D,S) T Bill 7-10-12 ... M Hourigan (3)
8 03-P MILLROUS 8 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-7 ... R Dunwoody

5-2 Millrous, 7-2 Northern Nation, Nearctic Bay, 6-1 Jamestown Boy, 10-1 others.

8.15 HIGHLAND PARK NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,626: 2m) (14)

1 00- ARCTIC LINE 17F (V) J Bradley 5-11-0 ... L Harvey
2 3/6- JOTO 73 D Price 6-11-0 ... S Smith Eccles
3 030/ LITTLE THYNE 528 P Pritchard 8-11-0 ... P Pritchard
4 S56- MUST BE MAGICAL 8F J Mackie 5-11-0 ... A Maguire
5 60-F WEE WILLIE DICKINS 12 J Harris 6-11-0 ... J A Harris
6 3 CLASSICAL STAR 5 K Bailey 4-10-11 ... N Williamson
7 020- DOCTOR DUNKLIN 142 Mrs V Ward 4-10-11 ... C Llewellyn
8 FRIENDLY HOUSE 357F E Buckley 4-10-11 ... H Davies
9 ICE STRIKE 41F J Hills 4-10-11 ... J Railton
10 LORD VIVIENNE 236F Mrs P Barker 4-10-11 ... C Hawkins
11 3F- MAJOR RISK 8F P Bevan 4-10-11 ... N Bentley (3)
12 MAPLE BAY 50F K White 4-10-11 ... A O'Hagan
13 F DAZZLING FIRE 10 C C Elsey 4-10-6 ... M Richards
14 0 HATAAL 5 R Juckes 4-10-6 ... T Wall

11-4 Classical Star, 7-2 Ice Strike, 5-1 Lord Vivienne, 6-1 Major Risk, 10-1 Must Be Magical, 12-1 Doctor Dunklin, 14-1 Dazzling Fire, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 35 winners from 107 runners, 32.7%; K Bailey, 8 from 36, 22.2%; A Forbes, 3 from 21, 14.3%; J Edwards, 13 from 98, 13.3%; J Bradley, 3 from 26, 11.5%; J Mackie, 9 from 87, 10.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Hourigan, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; P Niven, 7 from 23, 30.4%; S Smith Eccles, 12 from 48, 25.0%; L Harvey, 6 from 26, 23.1%; R Dunwoody, 19 from 89, 21.3%; N Williamson, 13 from 71, 18.3%.

Doping evidence missing

AN attempt to revive the investigation into the 1990 Doncaster dopings must go ahead without potentially vital evidence from the recent *Drug Runners* programme, screened on BBC2.

Alan Simpson, the detective chief inspector in charge of the case, has had his request for the identity of the source, known as "the needleman", turned down. Simpson is now liaising with the Crown Prosecution Service to establish whether the episode, screened two weeks ago as part of the *On The Line* series, has produced any new evidence.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Salisbury

Going: good to firm (good final 2f)

2.20 (6f) 1, Majestic Eagle (M Hills, 4-7 fav); 2, Bahrain Star (20-1); 3, Kentavrus Way (10-1). 10 ran. 6l, 1l. J Hills. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £13.90. CSF: £14.17.

2.50 (6f 212yd) 1, Court Minstrel (J Reid, 8-1); 2, Lord Alfie (25-1); 3, Awestrike (5-2 fav); 4, Surrey Racing (16-1). 19 ran. 1l, 1½l. L Holt. Tote: £12.80; £2.70, £4.60, £1.60, £7.60. DF: £391.20. Trio: £269.20. CSF: £184.80. Tricast: £602.67.

3.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Dana Springs (L Dettori, 7-1); 2, Andromaque (3-1); 3, Magical Retreat (25-1). Bashayer 9-4 fav. 10 ran. ¾l, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £1.90, £4.10. DF: £15.00. Trio: £107.70. CSF: £27.32.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Bobbysoxer (Pat Eddery, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Northern Bound (11-2); 3, El Volador (4-1 jt-fav). Well Suited 4-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 3l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.80; £1.50, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £14.60. CSF: £24.47. Tricast: £84.46.

4.20 (6f 212yd) 1, Down D Islands (Pat Eddery, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Dulford Lad (6-1); 3, Madame Gregoire (13-2). Primosi 5-1 jt-fav. 19 ran. 1½l, 3½l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.50; £2.60, £2.50, £2.80. DF: £18.60. CSF: £33.43.

4.50 (6f) 1, Wild Planet (R Cochrane, 5-6 fav); 2, Astral Weeks (20-1); 3, Towering Talent (6-1). 9 ran. 8l, 1½l. R Charlton. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £4.40, £2.10. DF: £17.40. CSF: £20.41.

5.20 (5f) 1, Press The Bell (P Roberts, 100-30 fav); 2, No Extras (5-1); 3, Bodari (11-2). 7 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £2.80. DF: £13.30. CSF: £19.59.

Placepot: £29.40.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.10 (5f) 1, Sense Of Priority (K Darley, 5-4 fav); 2, Very Dicey (5-2); 3, Arc Lamp (6-1). 7 ran. NR: Maid Welcome. Sh hd, 2½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.82.

2.40 (5f) 1, Left Stranded (K Darley, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Smart Pal (9-1); 3, Chiliola (7-2 jt-fav). 11 ran. 1½l, 2½l. G Lewis. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £3.10, £1.80. DF: £37.30. CSF: £34.62. Tricast: £112.06.

3.10 (2m 35yd) 1, Sun Grebe (K Darley, 4-1 fav); 2, My Desire (9-2); 3, Chakalak (9-2). 9 ran. Hd, sh hd. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £7.50. Trio: £8.70. CSF: £21.65. Tricast: £77.31.

3.40 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Efizia (K Darley, 11-8 fav); 2, Brackenthwaite (6-1); 3, I'm A Dreamer (5-1). 8 ran. Nk, 2l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.60, £1.60. DF: £8.40. CSF: £10.61. Tricast: £31.96.

4.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Dancing Beau (Mr T Cuff, 11-2); 2, Trooping (7-2); 3, Lady Donoghue (11-2). Causley 11-4 fav. 9 ran. Nk, sh hd. S Dow. Tote: £8.20; £2.00, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £13.50. CSF: £25.66. Tricast: £105.35.

4.40 (1m 100yd) 1, Battle Colours (G Duffield, 3-1); 2, Lombard Ships (7-4 fav); 3, Scottish Park (11-2). 9 ran. 2½l, 2l. M Prescott. Tote: £4.00; £1.30, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £8.61.

5.10 (7f 100yd) 1, Charity Crusader (Stephen Davies, 9-1); 2, Rupan (6-1); 3, Bonaigua (9-2). Zuboon 3-1 fav. 17 ran. ¾l, hd. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £9.70; £2.10, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £40.10. CSF: £65.31.

Placepot: £6.40.

Fontwell Park

Going: firm

2.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Quiet Riot (A Maguire, 1-2 fav); 2, Silvercross Lad (14-1); 3, London Express (6-1). 7 ran. 8l, 3l. J White. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £2.50. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.95.

2.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Billy Lomond (Peter Hobbs, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Moymet (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Broughton Blues (6-1). 6 ran. 1l, 20l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £7.56.

3.00 (2m 2f ch) 1, Pearls Beau (S Smith Eccles, 1-5 fav); 2, Deciding Bid (9-2); 3, April's Baby (12-1). 3 ran. 3½l, 8l. J Jenkins. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.56.

3.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Ruling Dynasty (H Davies, 10-1); 2, Striding Edge (9-2); 3, Ben Zabeedy (2-1 fav). 5 ran. 7l, nk. M Usher. Tote: £10.00; £2.60, £2.50. DF: £19.60. CSF: £46.14.

4.00 (2m 2f ch) 1, St Athans Lad (D Morris, 11-8 jt-fav); 2, Glass Mountain (8-1); 3, Touching Star (11-8 jt-fav). 5 ran. 2l, 12l. R Curtis. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £2.60. DF: £5.90. CSF: £10.62.

4.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Singing Detective (G Crone, 7-1); 2, Well Appointed (7-4 fav); 3, Easy Toomey (20-1). 10 ran. 20l, dist. P McEntee. Tote: £7.80; £2.20, £1.20, £3.10. DF: £7.20. CSF: £19.40.

Placepot: £40.80.

Tuesday's late results

Catterick Bridge

Going: good

6.00 (7f) 1, Komplicity (N Connorton, 9-2); 2, Passion Sunday (9-4 fav); 3, Celestial Dance (5-1). 13 ran. 2l, ½l. Bob Jones. Tote: £6.60; £1.40, £1.80, £2.10. DF: £9.30. CSF: £14.23.

6.25 (5f 212yd) 1, Jimmy The Skunk (J Carroll, 7-2 fav); 2, Miss Mah-Jong (12-1); 3, Mister Beat (5-1). 10 ran. Hd, ¾l. J Barry. Tote: £4.10; £2.00, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £20.30. CSF: £42.63. Tricast: £193.17.

6.50 (7f) 1, Royal Comedian (O Pears, 8-1); 2, Cool Enough (11-2); 3, MCA Below The Line (11-4). North Arder 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Lady Sabo. 1½l, 1½l. B Murray. Tote: £17.30; £4.70, £2.90. DF: £52.10. CSF: £49.77.

7.20 (5f) 1, Gipsy Fiddler (Dean McKeown, 7-4 fav); 2, Drum Sergeant (4-1); 3, Gemini Fire (40-1). 5 ran. 1½l, sh hd. J Glover. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £5.10. CSF: £9.43.

7.50 (1m 7f 177yd) 1, Mr Woodcock (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Scalp 'Em (6-1); 3, Don't Cry (14-1). Dominant Serenade 15-8 fav. 8 ran. 6l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £11.90. Trio: £29.40. CSF: £19.10. Tricast: £190.96.

8.20 (1m 4f 44yd) 1, Sir Thomas Beecham (Mr T Cuff, 6-1); 2, First Bid (2-1 fav); 3, Hydropic (14-1). 12 ran. 2l, 2½l. S Dow. Tote: £6.40; £2.40, £1.80, £4.40. DF: £11.30. CSF: £16.37. Tricast: £156.02.

Placepot: £194.50.

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY: 2.10 Lady Sheriff, Hellaby. 3.40 Lyford Cay. 4.10 Trentside Valour. SALISBURY: 4.50 Simply Sooty. 5.20 Aroom, Baylan.

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Australian in confident mood after victory in Open Championship

Norman gets Tway's chip off his shoulder

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN TOLEDO, OHIO

THE questions have ended for Greg Norman. There is no need for him to grit his teeth and attach that fixed smile to his face any more when he is asked about the championships that got away. He has silenced those who said he could never add a second to go with his first, the 1986 Open. His performance in the fourth round of the Open at Sandwich last month did that.

Here at the Inverness Club, where the US PGA Championship, the last of the four annual major championships, starts today, another question arises. Has the brilliant play that was demonstrated on that Sunday 25 days ago moved the game to a higher level, one that can be sustained? Or were the events at the conclusion of the 122nd Open a combination of circumstances that are unlikely to be repeated?

My view tends towards the latter. Yet this is not to underestimate the effect on the world of golf when one player climbs to a new level in the way that Tom Watson, Seve Ballesteros and Johnny Miller all have done at one time or another. When this happens it tends to concentrate the mind of the player's peers. Nick Faldo suggested as much in the aftermath of Norman's victory when he said that "the rest of us had better get going otherwise we're always going to be competing for second place."

It is one of those apt coincidences that the metamorphosis of Norman from perennial challenger to worthy champion is brought full circle at Inverness, which is distinguished not only in the annals of Ohio golf but also the United States. Byron Nelson was professional here for a while in 1940. Another young man applied for the job but was not selected. His name was Ben Hogan.

Many US Opens have been held here and at the first, in 1920, the professionals were allowed into the locker-room and clubhouse. The players were so touched by this act that, led by Walter Hagen, they donated a grandfather clock to the club. It stands in the lobby of the clubhouse to this day, complete with message:

God measures men by what they are,
Not what in wealth they possess;
This vibrant message chimes afar,
The voice of Inverness.

The most recent historical act occurred on the 18th green in the fourth round of this event in 1986, when the US PGA was last held here. It was then that Bob Tway chipped in from a bunker to beat Norman by one stroke. Eight months later Norman had the US Masters snatched from under his nose when Larry Mize chipped in from 140 feet on the second hole of a sudden death play-off.

Until he had won another major championship, Norman had to cope with questions about these and other losses. Now that he has done so, he is justified in saying with feeling, as he did on Tuesday night: "Seven years ago was seven years ago. As of tonight, I'd like to drop the issue. It's a redundant question. It's not part of history except that Bob Tway won the 1986 championship. I'm just going to go on to the next question from now on."

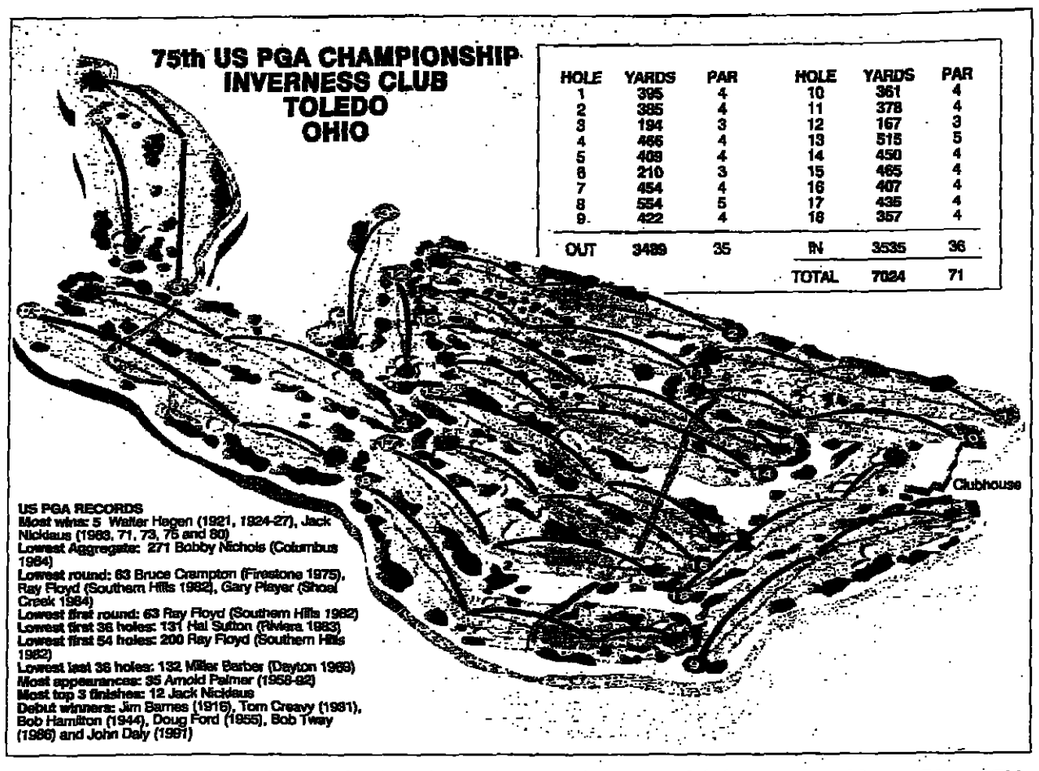
Despite what happened to him in 1986, Norman has good memories of this course. He likes its tiny greens, which are among the smallest of any championship course in the United States. He stands on the tee and looks at the narrow fairways, the ankle high rough that lurks on either side and the collars of rough around the greens and thinks to himself that as the world's longest, straightest driver he can do well here. "I feel comfortable with my driver" Norman said. "I'll use it when I think it is necessary."

This is more than can be said for John Daly, the folk hero of American golf, who, incidentally, has shed 19lb since the beginning of July. The tightness of the fairways forces the 1991 US PGA champion to use an iron from all but three or four tees. "Patience is going to be a virtue here," Daly said. "I can't picture a course where I've hit this many irons."

Yet if the advantage of his long hitting is denied to Daly, the size of the greens suits him. So much attention is paid to his "grip it and rip it" philosophy it obscures the fact that around the greens Daly has a wonderful touch.

Golfers from Europe are here in greater numbers than before, though only nine of the 13 who were originally invited have made the trip. Bernhard Langer had time for only 15 holes on Tuesday after his luggage went missing en route. Colin Montgomerie may be ready to take another step forward following his victory in Holland. It put an end to his long run of second places and worse and has given him confidence. This championship, though, will be won by an established figure, one with patience.

Nick Faldo comes into that category. He did not like the hotel he was staying in with Barry Lane and Montgomerie, and duly moved out. That apart, he has prepared well on the course where he missed the cut in 1986. So has Nick Price, who may be playing better than anybody in the world at present.



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2	395	4	11	378	4
3	194	3	12	167	3
4	466	4	13	515	5
5	409	4	14	450	4
6	210	3	15	465	4
7	454	4	16	407	4
8	554	5	17	436	4
9	422	4	18	357	4
OUT	3489	35	IN	3535	36
			TOTAL	7024	71

US PGA RECORDS
Most wins: 5 Walter Hagen (1921, 1924-27), Jack Nicklaus (1963, 71, 73, 75 and 80)
Lowest Aggregate: 271 Bobby Nichols (Columbus 1964)
Lowest round: 63 Bruce Crampton (Firestone 1975), Ray Floyd (Southern Hills 1982), Gary Player (Shoal Creek 1984)
Lowest first round: 63 Ray Floyd (Southern Hills 1982)
Lowest first 36 holes: 131 Hal Sutton (Riviera 1983)
Lowest first 54 holes: 200 Ray Floyd (Southern Hills 1982)
Lowest last 36 holes: 132 Miller Barber (Dayton 1969)
Most appearances: 35 Arnold Palmer (1958-92)
Most top 3 finishes: 12 Jack Nicklaus
Debut winners: Jim Barnes (1916), Tom Creavy (1981), Bob Hamilton (1944), Doug Ford (1955), Bob Tway (1986) and John Daly (1991)

Great escape: Tway celebrates victory in 1986

TEE-OFF TIMES

All times in BST; players US unless stated

12.10 today and 16.22 tomorrow: M Mielke, W Frantz
12.19 and 16.31: B Sherry, R Boyd
12.28 and 16.40: T Smith, C Stankjohann, G Jones
12.37 and 16.49: D Rummells, J Overton, G Sauers
12.46 and 16.58: M McCumber, T Lehman, D Hart
12.55 and 17.07: B Fleisher, A Forsbrand (Swe), R Zokol (Can)
13.04 and 17.16: B Lane (GB), D Forsman, P Senior (Aus)
13.13 and 17.25: A Palmer, C Strange, T Kite
13.22 and 17.34: G Hallberg, H Twitty, M O'Meara
13.40 and 17.52: H Irwin, C Stadler, R Tway
13.49 and 18.01: D Edwards, J Huston, W Andrade
13.58 and 18.10: B Langer (Ger), L Janzen, G Norman (Aus)
14.07 and 18.19: C Montgomerie (GB), K Green, F Zoeller
14.16 and 18.28: R Floyd, P Stewart, D Graham (Aus)
14.25 and 18.37: F Nobilo (NZ), T Nakajima (Japan), E Romero (Arg)
14.34 and 18.46: J Daly, J M Olazábal (Sp), A Lyle (GB)
14.43 and 18.55: H Sutton, B Crenshaw, J Mahaffey
15.01 and 19.13: G Twiggs, F Funk, B Ogle (Aus)
15.10 and 19.22: B Lietzke, C Parry (Aus), D A Weibring
15.19 and 18.31: J McGovern, S Elkington (Aus), B Faxon
15.28 and 18.40: A Magee, J Ozaki (Japan), R Davis (Aus)
15.37 and 19.49: W Mayfair, B Clear, R Estes
15.46 and 19.58: J Adams, J Delsing, K Clearwater
15.55 and 20.07: R Hoyt, J Nelson, S Rachele
16.04 and 20.16: R Borowicz, C Coldwater, S Walter
16.13 and 20.25: G George, J Hoecker, C Peddicord
16.31 and 12.10: K Allard, G Robison, K Burton
16.40 and 12.19: G Groh, D Quigley, R Ford
16.49 and 12.28: S Ingraham, C Schnell, T Joyce
16.58 and 12.37: R Fehr, J Edwards, S Hoch
17.07 and 12.46: J Maggert, T Wargo, D Hammond
17.16 and 12.55: S Pate, J Haas, P Jacobsen
17.25 and 13.04: I Baker-Finch (Aus), M Hulbert, J Gallagher
17.34 and 13.13: R Allenby (Aus), W Levi, C Beck
17.52 and 13.31: J Nicklaus, P Mickelson, E Els (SA)
18.01 and 13.40: R Cochran, J Sindelar, M James (GB)
18.10 and 13.49: N Faldo (GB), D Love III, L Wadkins
18.19 and 13.58: N Henke, M Calcavecchia, G Morgan
18.28 and 14.07: N Price (Zim), T Watson, L Nelson
18.37 and 14.16: M Springer, A Johnstone (Zim), R Medlate
18.46 and 14.25: F Couples, I Woosnam, W Grady (Aus)
18.55 and 14.34: R Gamez, J Cook, M McNulty (Zim)
19.04 and 14.43: P Azinger, H Green, J Sluman
19.22 and 15.01: V Singh (Fiji), D Frost (SA), M Standly
19.31 and 15.10: M Brooks, L Mize, C Pavin
19.40 and 15.19: G Waite (NZ), S Simpson, F Allem (SA)
19.49 and 15.28: M Wiebe, R Mast, R Lohr
19.58 and 15.37: R McDougal, L Roberts, D Waldorf
20.07 and 15.46: R Bailey, D Kastner, J Fairfield
20.16 and 15.55: T Angle, J L Lewis, J Godwin
20.25 and 16.04: K Krieger, G Trivisonno, T Stafford

Sahalee to host 1998 PGA event

SAHALEE Country Club, of Redmond, Washington, will host the US PGA championship in 1998, the Professional Golfers' Association of America announced yesterday.

The North and South nines of the 27-hole Sahalee complex, which is outside Seattle, will be used, with the resulting 6,955-yard course playing to a par of 70.

Washington State last hosted the US PGA championship in 1944 at the Manito Golf and Country Club in Spokane.

The championship next year will be held at the Southern Hills club in Tulsa, Oklahoma, while the Riviera Country Club, of Pacific Palisades, California, will host the 1995 tournament.

Valhalla Country Club, of Louisville, Kentucky, follows in 1996.

The prize-money for the event this year totals a record $1.7 million (£1.15 million), with the winner earning $300,000 and the second-placed player $155,000.

Sheehan has flight problems

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

PATTY Sheehan, Helen Alfredsson and Laura Davies, in that order the leading three women golfers in the world, head the field for the British Open that starts at Woburn today.

Sheehan, the defending champion, relinquished her US Open title to Lauri Merten at Crooked Stick last month and will be keen not to lose her grip on another title. However, her preparations proved rather too Woosnamesque for her liking. One practice round yesterday was not what she had in mind but her flight from New York was delayed because of problems with the fuel system.

"I feel a little bit cheated," Sheehan said, "because I do most of my work in practice, getting used to the grasses and working out the speed of the greens and seeing how they accept shots."

She described her game as "rusty" — this is the woman who leads the US money list with $468,424 (about £316,000) and has won twice this season — but hoped the change to her routine would not make too much difference to her performance. She will always be known as the woman who was first to win both the US and British open titles in the same year. "It was a dream," she said. "I'm humbled by it and proud of it. Winning the British Open made my career."

Davies, who has also won both titles but in successive years, 1986 and 1987, has won in the United States this year but is determined to maintain her record of winning in Europe every year since turning professional in 1985. She has won roughly £1.5 million in prize-money all over the world in that time. "My old headmaster, Mr Smyth, was wrong then," she said. "He said I'd never make any money at golf."

Davies then wondered what had happened to it all. "Down the bookies, I suppose," she said. She loves a bet, although she is not backing herself — "there's no point," she said, "because if you win, you get plenty anyway" — but her eyes lit up and her wallet opened when she saw that Brandie Burton, one of the most talented of the young Americans, was quoted at 16-1 by Ladbrokes.

"Brandie's one of the most consistent players there is," Davies, who beat the 21-year-old in the top singles in the Solheim Cup last October, said. Burton won the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic early in July and finished in the top ten in her last two events. She is, however, lucky to be here, as she arrived in New York to catch her flight without a passport. She left it in her car, in Vermont and it was delivered to the airport with minutes to spare.

Alfredsson, the exuberant Swede, had no such problems, having taken last week off. She is the only one of the top three not to have won both the US and British opens, although this year she nearly added the former to the British title she won in 1990. That victory marked the start of what is becoming a formidable career.

Torrance defends PGA withdrawal

SAM Torrance yesterday defended his decision to play in the Austrian Open this week instead of the US PGA championship. He was speaking after Colin Montgomerie criticised him, Gordon Brand Jr and David Gilford for not going to the final major of the year in Toledo, Ohio.

Montgomerie, who will play in the US PGA, which starts today, said the three should have competed in Toledo because European Tour officials had worked hard to get them invitations.

Torrance said: "It was pretty ignorant of Monty to say that. I wasn't invited to the PGA. I was exempt and, after thinking long and hard about it, I decided it was in my best interests to play here in Austria.

"Monty is second and I'm third in the European order of merit and Monty's cheesed off because, if I pass him and get into second place after the German Open, I shall get into the World Match Play at Wentworth.

"He also said we shouldn't be worrying about Ryder Cup points because, if we win the US PGA, we would get into the Ryder Cup team anyway. That's a load of rubbish. The US PGA will not get you any points and we can't all win it. In any case, I'm not playing in Austria to get cup points. I think I'm fairly safe already."

Torrance said he was playing in the Austrian Open, which starts today, because he wanted to qualify for the World Match Play and be No 1 in Europe. He is third in the money list behind Nick Faldo and Montgomerie and a finish in the top nine would give him enough prize-money to pass his fellow Scot. Torrance added: "This may be my last chance to finish first in the order of merit. I shall be 40 later this month and it might be now or never."

Gilford and Brand Jr, unlike Torrance, are in Vienna to improve their Ryder Cup positions. Brand Jr is seventeenth in the table and Gilford nineteenth and both need to win the £41,660 first prize to advance significantly.

Germans celebrate narrow Admiral's Cup victory

GERMANY snatched the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup away from Australia's grasp yesterday after a gripping finale to the Fastnet race, which kept the outcome in doubt well after the racing had ended.

The margin of victory for the three-boat team was quarter of a point and owed much to an outstanding performance from Pinta, Willi Illbruck's German one-tonner, which sailed into Plymouth on the back of a freshening breeze early yesterday not only to win the one-ton division but to beat all but one of the two-tonners on corrected time.

If Australia were to win, Ninja, their one-tonner skippered by Glenn Bourke, had to finish within six overall places of the German yacht. She missed it by one place, beaten by the British yacht, GBE International, skippered by Glyn Charles, which pipped the Australians to the line by just 1min 58sec.

Yet the final outcome remained in doubt until late in the afternoon when the jury threw out a protest lodged by Stuart Childerley, skipper of Provezza Source, the British two-tonner, after he had charged the Irish entry, Jameson 2, with luffing dangerously in the dark.

Had Gordon Maguire and his crew been found guilty, their disqualification would have tipped the points back in favour of the Australians. The German margin of victory is even smaller than in the previous Champagne Mumm series two years ago when France were the surprise winners, beating the favourites Italy by 0.62 of a point.

This time, the Australians go home knowing that Syd Fischer's 50-footer, Ragamuffin, ended up as the leading scorer, and the third-placed French Corum team return across the Channel with the consolation that they were at least top in the Fastnet race, a repeat of their performance two years ago.

Australia denied by a quarter of a point after protest is turned down, Barry Pickthall reports

This is the fourth Cup victory for Germany, which last won the series in 1985, and makes a fitting tribute to Hans-Otto Schumann, 76, a veteran campaigner and retiring president of the German Yachting Federation, whose line of Rubin yachts have competed in 12 Admiral's Cup series and played a part in three victories.

Britain's vanquished team, which finished a dismal sixth behind Italy and Japan, also regained some pride from the Fastnet race. Graham Walker's 50 footer, Indulgence, skippered by Eddie Warden Owen, finished top boat after beating Ragamuffin and Corum Saphir across the line by 13 seconds.

Provezza Source was third among the two-tonners, a performance matched by GBE International in the one-ton fleet, giving the home team the second highest combined score in the fleet. Sadly, the effort lifted the team just one place up the standings, ahead of Ireland, which finished the series with only one of their three boats intact.

The outcome of the Fastnet Cup, the principal trophy contested by the Channel handicap fleet this year, was also shrouded in doubt last night after Aurora, the American Tripp 55 design skippered by Skip Sheldon, lost her overall victory in the protest room, disqualified for a port and starboard incident at the start.

That gave victory to Spectrum 50 Eagle. Tony Todd's British-designed yacht, which beat the third-placed American entry, Encore, by almost two hours. Back in Hamble, Lawrie Smith, another disappointed Fastnet finisher after his Spanish maxi, Fortuna, was beaten comprehensively by all his Whitbread race rivals, was reflecting on what he can make to improve her performance.

"We have six tenths of a foot of rating to play with. We intend to modify the keel and increase sail area, adding 20 square metres to our mizzen genoas and 18 inches to the width of the mizzen mainsail," he said. "But we are not too disappointed."

RESULTS: Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup: Overall: 1, Germany, 278.12pts; 2, Australia, 278.89; 3, France, 247.50; 4, Italy, 242.88; 5, Japan, 242; 6, United Kingdom, 238.38; 7, Ireland, 193. 8, Netherlands, 119.38. Fastnet race: 1, Eagle (A Todd, GB), 2, Encore (J Dolan, US), 3, Ola (A Elias, US), 4, Bounder (C Little, GB), 5, Yeoman XXX (R Aishor, GB)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Father and son lead Reading to title

READING won the Sanatogen English Bowling Association fours championship at Worthing yesterday, beating Shepherds Bush Cricket 22-13 (Gordon Allan writes). They are the second Berkshire club to win this title in three years, following Wokingham in 1991.

The Reading team — Graham Waldron (on his first visit to Worthing), Adam Graves, Robert Newman and their skip, Mike Newman. Robert's father — bowled better in the strong crosswind and, after trailing 6-1, settled down, outscoring Shepherds Bush 17-2 over the next seven ends.

This is the Newmans' first national bowls success after they lost in the semi-finals of the pairs competition and the quarter-finals of the triples in 1990.

Australia advance

LACROSSE: Australia defeated Scotland 12-2 in the women's World Cup in Edinburgh yesterday and advance to play the United States, the champions, who beat Scotland 15-1 on Monday, for a place in the final. Tracey Rehn, Sue Sofarnos, Sascha Newmarch and Lee Middlehois each scored two goals for Australia, who led 8-1 at half-time.

Scotland improved on their performance against the United States but Maddie McDonagh, the Scotland manager, said: "We gave the ball away too often, which has been our failing throughout." The Scots, who can finish fifth at best, now play the Czech Republic.

Everton improve bid

FOOTBALL: Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, is believed to have made a second attempt to sign Mark Bright, the Sheffield Wednesday striker. Wednesday turned down an initial offer of £800,000 but are said to be considering an improved bid of around £1 million for the 31-year-old forward, who was their leading goalscorer last season. Manchester United and Leeds United have been charged with misconduct by the FA after withdrawing nine players from the England under-18 squad that toured Scandinavia this summer. The hearing will be held on August 31.

Hare loses top job

RUGBY UNION: Dusty Hare, England's world-record points scorer, has lost his £25,000-a-year post as director of rugby at Nottingham three weeks before the start of the season. The club is reorganising and plans to appoint a chief executive. In Brisbane, Cardiff conceded a late try and lost 17-15 to a Queensland XV, after tries from Mike Rayer and Steve Ford had put the Welsh club 15-10 ahead. At nearby Mackay, South Africa defeated a Queensland County XV 63-5, scoring 11 tries and boosting morale before the second international against Australia in Brisbane on Saturday.

Deuchar defeated

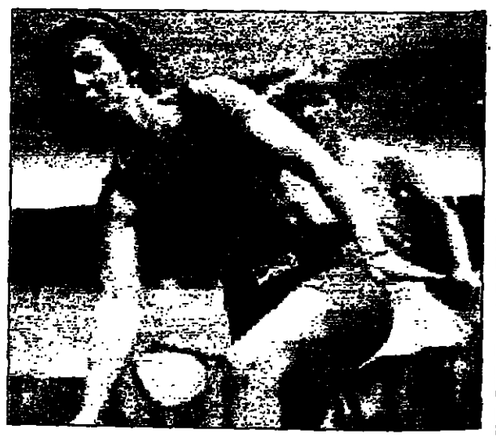
REAL TENNIS: Frankie Filippelli, a local professional, caused an upset in the Australian Open quarter-finals in Melbourne yesterday when he defeated the third seed, Lachie Deuchar, a professional based in London. Deuchar, a strong challenger for the world championship this year, took the first set but then wilted against Filippelli's relentless retrieving and heavily-cut forehand. In his semi-final, Filippelli will play Julian Snow, the sole Briton left in the tournament and the leading amateur in the world. Wayne Davies, the top seed, remains in contention.

Austin fights back

TENNIS: Tracy Austin, making a comeback at the age of 30, ousted Gigi Fernandez, the twelfth seed, in the first round of the Virginia Slims tournament in Los Angeles on Tuesday. Austin, twice the US Open champion, won 6-3, 6-4. She is playing her third tournament this year after completing only two tour matches since 1984. Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the top seed, moved comfortably into the third round. Andrew Foster, of Britain, was defeated 7-6, 7-5 by Mario Rincon, of Colombia, in the second round of the ATP Challenger tournament in Segovia, Spain.

Martin breaks dress rule

SQUASH: Michelle Martin, below, was yesterday expecting to be fined by the Women's International Squash Players' Association (WISPA), the sport's international governing body, after breaking its on-court dress regulations during a tournament in Melbourne on Tuesday. Martin, of Australia, wore a two-piece outfit, breaking the WISPA's ban on wearing shorts, in her second-round match against Mary Jo Reid — which she won in three sets — in the International Women's Squash Classic. Martin wore a conventional costume in her next match.



WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

UNANIME

(a) Unanimous, from the Latin *unus* one + *animus* mind, of one mind: John Donne, *Pseudo-martyr*, 1610: "For your first title you have the intire and unanime consent and concurrence of the whole Christian Church."

THOAN

(b) Of or pertaining to canine beasts of or akin to the subgenus *Thous*, in a restricted application including certain African jackals, but often extended, as in *thooid*, from the Greek *thōs*. *thōos*: "The thoan group represents in form the wolf on a reduced scale."

FISTIC

(b) Pugilistic (jocular, not in dignified use) pertaining to or concerned with the fists or their use in boxing, pugilistic, from *fist*, not the obsolete *fistic* which used to be the English for a *pistachio*, and is derived from the Arabic Dickens, *Our Mutual Friend*: "This was another common procedure of the ladies, when heated by verbal or fistic altercation."

GRACER

(a) One who graces or gives grace to; Chapman's dedication in his translation of the *Iliad*, circa 1611: "Through all the pomp of kingdoms still he shines./ And graceth all his gracers."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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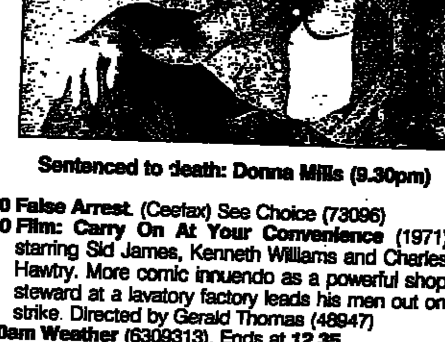
BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (70837)
7.00 Breakfast News (44572560)
9.05 Clowning Around. Episode two of the eight-part drama serial about a teenager who wants to become a clown (r). (Ceefax) (8115541) **9.25 Why Don't You . . ?** Entertaining ideas for children at a loose end (r) (s) (6531544)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1028522) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (3950589) **10.25 Run the Risk.** Children's game show (r) (s) (3936909) **10.50 The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine (s) (5432386)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8412909) **11.05 Knots Landing.** American drama serial (r) (9180305) **11.50 Animal Heroes** Three cartoon stories of real-life animal bravery (7263676)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5721164) **12.05 Man on the Rim: The Peopling of the Pacific.** Dr Alan Thorne examines how mankind's diet changed during the switch from a nomadic to a settled lifestyle (3830742) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (71453270)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (46218)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80107096) **1.50 Going For Gold.** General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is the genial Henry Kelly (s) (80101812)
2.15 Film: Sound Barrier (1952, b/w) starring Ralph Richardson, Ann Todd, Denholm Elliott and Nigel Patrick. Documentary-type drama about the early days of jet planes. Directed by David Lean and with a screenplay by Terence Rattigan (221299)
4.10 Orville and Cuddles (r) (7946283) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (2137676) **4.35 Dizzy Heights.** Episode one of a seven-part comedy drama set in a *Fawlty Towers*-type hotel (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3037831)
5.00 Newsround (2233947) **5.10 Record Breakers.** Includes an interview with David Gower (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3979980)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (683541). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (831)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (183). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (5742)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (367)
8.00 The Russ Abbot Show. Comedy sketches from the 1991 series. With Les Dennis, Bella Emberg and Sherrie Hewson (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6522)
8.30 Crime Limited. Series looking at crime and how it affects the lives of its victims, presented by Nick Ross. (Ceefax) (s) (5657)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3893)

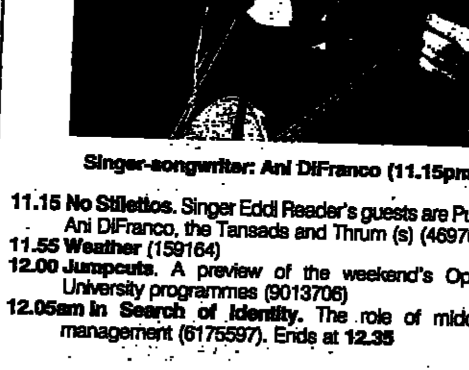


Sentenced to death: Donna Mills (9.30pm)

9.30 False Arrest. (Ceefax) See Choice (73096)
11.00 Film: Carry On At Your Convenience (1971) starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Charles Hawtry. More comic innuendo as a powerful shop steward at a lavatory factory leads his men out on strike. Directed by Gerald Thomas (48947)
12.30am Weather (6309313). Ends at **12.35**
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (82329)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (8152218)
8.00 Breakfast News (8413003) **8.15 Ghostwriter.** Episode four (r) (s) (1672541) **8.40 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts** (r) (2508947) **8.50 Town Portraits.** Hartlepool, Cleveland (r) (2597831)
9.00 Film: Gold Rush Maisie (1940, b/w) starring Ann Sothern. Comedy about a singer who goes gold prospecting. Directed by Edwin L. Marin (1781744)
10.20 Film: Lassie – Peace Is Our Profession (1971) starring Jack Ging. The canny collie accompanies a military chaplain on a tour of Strategic Air Command bases. Directed by Ezra Stone (9886838)
11.50 Film: The Live Ghost (1934, b/w). Laurel and Hardy are shanghaied on to a haunted ship. Directed by Charles Rogers (6269725) **12.10 Towed in a Hole** (1932, b/w) starring Laurel and Hardy. Directed by George Marshall (2447251)
12.30 The Great Palace – The Story of Parliament (r). (Ceefax) (8477305)
1.20 Bertha (r) (84895454) **1.35 Exploring Photography** (r) (19357367)
2.00 News and weather (94607386) **2.05 Soldiers in Hiding.** A documentary about Vietnam war veterans who survive in the wilderness with skills learnt in combat (4460980) **2.55 The Violin Maker.** Jim McKillop of Camlough, County Antrim (r) (5369763)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1169454) **3.05 James Cameron: Once Upon A Time.** The journalist recalls his years as a war correspondent (r) (6232638) **3.50 News** and weather (1103454)
4.00 Film: Marty (1955, b/w). See Choice (80725)
5.30 Hardy's Wessex. The second of two programmes exploring Thomas Hardy country (r) (560)
6.00 Film: Colorado Territory (1949, b/w) starring Joel McCrae. Western drama, a re-make of *High Sierra*, directed by Raoul Walsh (34021)
7.30 7:84 – Keep Right On? The story of the Highland theatre company 7:84 (s) (909)
8.00 Business Matters: Going Solo. The story of vehicle broker Carey Lewis's efforts to persuade Polish and Baltic states businessmen to buy British trucks. (Ceefax) (s) (4164)
8.30 The Travel Show. Includes reports from the Italian Riviera and Cork (3299)
9.00 A Bit Of Fry and Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4763)
9.30 Pandora's Box: The League of Gentlemen. A sometimes funny look at the serious side of the science of money (r). (Ceefax) (12744)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (316947)



Singer-songwriter: Ani DiFranco (11.15pm)

11.15 No Stilettos. Singer Eddi Reader's guests are Pulp, Ani DiFranco, the Tansads and Thrum (s) (469763)
11.55 Weather (159164)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (9013706)
12.05am In Search of Identity. The role of middle management (6175597). Ends at **12.35**

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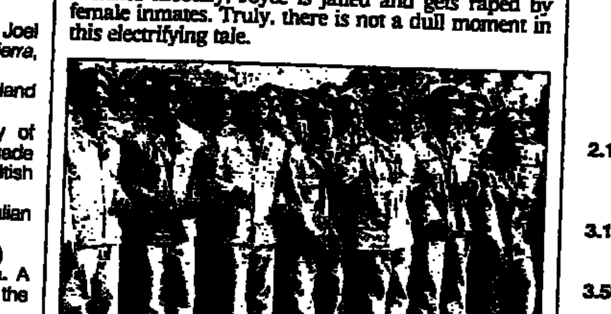
CHOICE

Marty
BBC2, 4.00pm

Two shy people get together and are almost driven apart by the man's mother and his jealous friends. The scenario has since been done to death in films such as *Only the Lonely*, but in the mid-Fifties, *Marty*, which originated as a television play, brought a new naturalism and intimacy to Hollywood cinema. The playing is uniformly excellent. Ernest Borgnine is marvellous in his Oscar-winning performance as the gentle Italian butcher and Betsy Blair is appropriately unworldly as the plain schoolteacher he loves. As Marty's jealous mother, Esther Minciotti adds a welcome touch of acid to a film which is occasionally treacly. Deservedly acclaimed, the movie also took Oscars for best picture, best director (for Delbert Mann) and best screenplay (for Paddy Chayefsky).

False Arrest
BBC1, 9.30pm

It is so easy to rubbish American mini-series such as this one. The dialogue creaks, the heroine looks like a Barbie doll and the plot, ostensibly borrowed from a true story, makes *Dallas* look like a documentary. The fact remains, however, that *False Arrest* is compulsive viewing. The story concerns a rich Arizona businesswoman, Joyce Lukezic (Donna Mills), who is accused of murder and forced to confront her potential fate – the gas chamber. While her children go into panic and her second husband (Robert Wagner) twitches moodily, Joyce is jailed and gets raped by female inmates. Truly, there is not a dull moment in this electrifying tale.



Members of the Zion Christian Church (C4, 9.00pm)

Witness: Man, God and Africa
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A new series about personal beliefs begins with this look at the poorest South African black church communities. Director Don Boyd has come back with some extraordinary footage including a healing session involving ritual beating, and, a coup for a Western camera team, film of the massive September New Year Festival held by the Zion Christian Church. By interviewing ordinary people as well as figures such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Boyd arrives at the conclusion that independent church communities have combined Christianity and African religious ritual in a way which gives whole townships hope and dignity. So far, so good, but what exactly are their beliefs? Why does someone have to be beaten to be healed? Boyd is too reverential to find out.

Voyager: Horses and Heroes
ITV, 7.30pm

This far from bland series of *National Geographic* films continues with a fascinating portrait of the game of wild polo as practised in the mountains of Pakistan's north-west frontier. Imran Khan offers a gently ironic commentary contrasting the niceties of polo in Britain with the roughness of the version from which it derived. "Legend has it that it used to be played with the severed heads of the enemy", he announces. Today they use a ball, but the game still has few rules and no referees. It is treated very seriously, an observation perhaps best illustrated by the fact that players are willing to climb for five days to reach the all-important Shandur Pass annual tournament. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

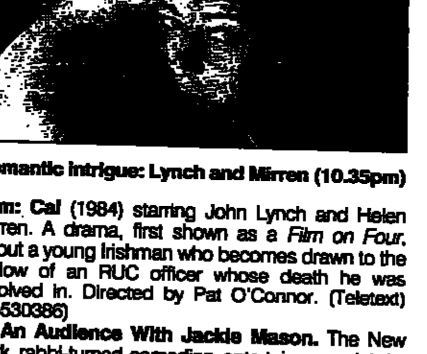
6.00 GMTV (4062102) **9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers** (5578305) **9.50 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2385367)
9.55 Film: Mr Horatio Knibbles (1971) starring Lesley Roach. Comedy about an unhappy little girl whose life is changed by a six-foot rabbit that only she can see. Directed by Robert Hird (5135183) **10.55 News** headlines (6700928)
11.00 James Bond Jr (6710305) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw.** Game show (6780164) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9328015)
12.00 Cartoon. Donald Duck in *Sea Salts* (7789522) **12.10 The Riddlers** (r) (2474305)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (8021831) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (84810763)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (455396) **1.45 A Country Practice** (s) (805837)

Telescope collection: Patrick Moore (2.15pm)

2.15 House Style. Includes a visit to *Farthings*, the Sussex home of astronomer Patrick Moore. Presented by Dilly Barlow and Alistair Macdonald (750788) **2.45 Take the High Road** (3594183)
3.10 ITN News headlines (1170560) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1179831) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Hospital drama series (2874367)
3.50 Cartoon. Speedy and Daffy in *Go Away Stowaways* (r) (4140183) **3.55 The Wisdom of the Gnomes** (6055096) **4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r) (2110909) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (3028183)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2216560)
5.40 Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) Weather (217657)
6.00 London Tonight (54676)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (5270)
7.30 Voyager: Horses and Heroes (s). See Choice (763)
8.00 The Bill: Blind Spot. PCs Jarvis and McCann try to charge a known villain with assault but the incident took place just outside their range of vision. Should they pretend they saw it? (Teletext) (1218)
8.30 Michael Ball. The singer is joined by the Bee Gees and Dionne Warwick. (Teletext) (s) (8025)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Drama series about army life in a British infantry regiment (r). (Teletext) (s) (7367)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (98522) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (150473)
10.40 Metroland. A day in the life of Nusrit Mehtab, an Asian Metropolitan Police officer, based in London's East End (s) (632386)
11.10 Film: Manhunt for Claude Dallas (1986) starring Matt Salinger. A made-for-television fact-based drama about the hunt for a mountain man who shoots dead two game wardens, his arrest, trial and subsequent escape from custody. Directed by Jerry London (103831)
1.05am The Twilight Zone: Profile in Silver (6483329)
1.35 Hollywood Report. Includes interviews with Sylvester Stallone and Sharon Stone (s) (6901752)
2.00 Donahue. The guests are men who claim to be God's gift to women (37139)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (56481)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (81226)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (38961)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (28110)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (20961)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff (1182386) **6.45 Ovide** (1398541)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (29541)
9.00 Saved By the Bell. American high school comedy drama (15299) **9.30 Star Street.** Animation based on the signs of the zodiac (r) (2044015) **9.55 Kid 'n' Play** (r) (2052034) **10.25 Pugwall.** Australian children's drama (r) (2395744)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Part two of *Flight 714* in which Hergé's hero helps to rescue a kidnapped millionaire (9087580) **11.20 The Henderson Kids.** Australian family drama series (6712763) **11.50 Pete Smith Specialities: Tennis Tactics** (b/w). Mr Smith offers a volley of advice (7256386)
12.00 High 5. Extreme sports action (r) (28763)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. The guest is singer Smokey Robinson (r) (21299) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** Animated adventures of a musical duck (r) (36270)
2.00 Film: Plymouth Adventure (1952) starring Spencer Tracy, Gene Tierney and Van Heflin. The story of the Pilgrim Fathers' voyage from Plymouth to New England on board the *Mayflower*. Directed by Clarence Brown (224386)
3.55 The Secret Life of . . . The Internal Combustion Engine presented by Tim Hunkin (r). (Teletext) (9176589)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presides over another round of the words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (676)
5.00 Oprah Gold. Oprah Winfrey chairs an acrimonious discussion on police brutality, made more than three years before the Los Angeles riots (r). (Teletext) (7356812)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout (974893)
6.00 Hypnosis. A repeat of Sunday's music programme which included interviews with U2 and Paul Oakenfield (541)
6.30 A Different World. American campus comedy (s) (893)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi and Shahnaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (619638)
7.50 Comment. Two viewers claim it is not too late to build the New World Order — but to beware of the Russians (220164)
8.00 Don McCullin: Redundant Warrior. Battle-hardened war photographer Don McCullin reflects on his 30-year career from the peaceful Somerset countryside where he now lives (r) (s) (2560)
8.30 Cycling: Tour of Britain. The fourth stage, from Birmingham to Manchester via Derbyshire's Peak District. (Teletext) (8367)
9.00 Witness: Man, God and Africa. (Teletext) See Choice (5909)
10.00 Go Fishing. In the first of a six-part series angler John Wilson casts the first fly on to on of his own small lakes (r) (s) (893386)



Romantic intrigue: Lynch and Mirren (10.35pm)

10.35 Film: Cal (1984) starring John Lynch and Helen Mirren. A drama, first shown as a *Film on Four*, about a young Irishman who becomes drawn to the widow of an RUC officer whose death he was involved in. Directed by Pat O'Connor. (Teletext) (35530386)
12.30am An Audience With Jackie Mason. The New York rabbi-turned-comedian entertains a celebrity audience that includes Barry Humphries and Cynthia Payne (r) (s) (37961). Ends at **1.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Anglia News (84810763) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2216560) **6.00** Home and Away (264928) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (955657) **10.30** Anglia News (150473) **10.40** Sailaway (632386) **11.10** First Take (595522) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (897522) **12.35am** Wrestling (7602313) **1.20** America's Top 10 (2660023) **1.50** Best And Marsh: The Perfect Match (837023) **3.25** Stage 2 (6691058) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17856874) **4.30** Riviera (57110) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28110)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.05pm Central News (84810763) **1.15** A Country Practice (455396) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (805837) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2874367) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2216560) **6.00** Home And Away (264928) **6.25** Central News (272947) **6.55-7.00** Lite Line (747096) **10.30** Central News (150473) **10.40** Film. The Day the Earth Caught Fire (Janet Munro, Leo McKern, Edward Judd) (38857893) **12.30am** Hollywood Report (4455961) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (2537771) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6831619) **2.35** America's Top 10 (7069400) **3.05** Raw Power (8936503) **4.05** Quiz Night (78068690) **4.35** Central Jobfinder (7852023) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9919690)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV News & Weather (84810763) **6.00** HTV News (299) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (251) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (150473) **10.40** Let Loose (147909) **10.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (795305) **11.50** Stuntmasters (783980) **12.35am** Wrestling (7602313) **1.20** America's Top 10 (2660023) **1.50** Best And Marsh: The Perfect Match. George and Rodney reminisce about their careers (837023) **3.25** Stage 2 (6691058) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17856874) **4.30** Riviera (57110) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (28110)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News & Weather (84810763) **6.00** Wales At Six (299) **6.30-7.00** The Entertainers (251) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (150473) **10.40-10.55** Weekend Ahead! (147909)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Meridian News & Weather (84810763) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2874367) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (904034) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (299) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (251) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (150473) **10.40** Transplant Families (632386) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (543164) **12.05am** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (2773139) **1.05-1.35** Coach (6483329) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (28110)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.05pm Tyne Tees News (58248760) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (59498285) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (685251) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (251) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (150473) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (632386) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (543164) **12.05am** Film: Inside Out (146597) **1.50** America's Top 10 (6913597) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6820503) **2.50-4.30** Film: West 11 (282110)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 UTV Live (84810763) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2874367) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live (54676) **10.30** UTV Live (150473) **10.40** When Did You Last See Your Father (632386) **11.10** The Equalizer (543164) **12.05am** Music From The Bridge (6182023) **12.35** Wrestling (7602313) **1.20** America's Top 10 (2660023) **1.50** Best And Marsh: The Perfect Match (837023) **3.25** Stage 2 (6691058) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17856874) **4.30** Riviera (57110)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (84810763) **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (805837) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2874367) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (54676) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (150473) **10.40** Midweek (632386) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (298102) **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (8759787) **12.35** Wrestling (7602313) **1.20** America's Top 10 (2660023) **1.50** Best And Marsh: The Perfect Match (837023) **3.25** Stage 2 (6691058) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (57110)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Calendar News (84810763) **5.55** Calendar News (685251) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (251) **10.30** Calendar News (150473) **10.40** The Twilight Zone (632386) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (543164) **12.05am** Film: Inside Out (146597) **1.50** America's Top 10 (6913597) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6820503) **2.50-4.30** Film: West 11 (282110)

S4C
Starts: 9.00 Saved By The Bell (15299) **9.30** Star Street (2044015) **9.55** Hammerman (6298218) **10.20** Pugwall (3953676) **10.45** The Adventures Of Tintin (4400164) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (4576611) **11.35** Dick Turpin Highwayman (6217831) **12.05pm** High 5 (6479454) **12.30** Sesame Street (21299) **1.30** Opening Shot (36270) **2.00** Film: The Adventures Of Marco Polo (7980) **4.00** The Christians (6837) **5.00** Countdown (3676) **5.30** The Cosby Show (928) **6.00** Newyddion (639218) **6.10** Heno (416152) **7.00** Jacpot (3812) **7.30** Hwyl O'r Lanfa (58812) **8.30** Newyddion (738893) **8.55** Dysgwr Y Flwyddyn (731980) **9.25** Tour Of Britain (557034) **9.55** Film: Runaway Father (977218) **11.40** Sarajevo Diary (535270) **12.40am** Moments Of Crisis (5371503)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (3415611) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1216164) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (45386706) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (82473) **10.00** Card Sharks (6242947) **10.25** Concentration (7164657) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9719803) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (77102) **12.00** E Street (42367) **12.30pm** Three's Company (93589) **1.00** Falcon Crest (39454) **3.00** Another World (3159560) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5386657) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1473) **6.00** Games World (8015) **6.30** E Street (9367) **7.00** Rescue (2102) **7.30** Full House (8251) **8.00** Paper Chase (17183) **9.00** Chances (37947) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (30034) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (65367)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (49980) **8.30** News and Business Report (370812) **9.30** ABC Nightline (51367) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (35831) **11.30** International Business Report (53015) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (46947) **1.30** CBS This Morning (47676) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (55812) **3.30** ABC Nightline (64831) **4.30** News and Business Report (6164) **5.00** Live at Five (982522) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (8893) **9.30** Talkback (54473) **11.30** CBS News (53305) **12.30am** ABC News (82435) **1.30** CBS News (62400) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (78110) **3.30** CBS News (80955) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (79232) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (68145)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3867831)
10.00 The Man Upstairs (1991). A recluse, Katharine Hepburn, harbours an escaped convict, Ryan O'Neal (97305)
12.00 White Fang (1991): Jack London's Alaskan adventure story (23893)
2.00pm Murderer's Row (1966): Spy spoof with Dean Martin (21386)
4.00 The Witching of Ben Wagner (1990): Children's adventure with Sam Bottoms and Harriet Hails (6305)
6.00 The Man Upstairs (as 10am) (91302)
8.00 Teen Agent (1991): Richard Grieco is mistaken for a secret agent (13367)
10.00 Graveyard Shift (1990): Killer rats menace textile workers (56270)
11.30 An Innocent Man (1989): Tom Selleck serves hard time for a crime he did not commit (525299)
1.25am Too Much Sun (1991): Farce about a gay brother and sister who must become parents to inherit their father's money. With Robert Downey Jr (95481597)
4.00 American Kickboxer (1991): Drama about two rivals (69416). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Dames (1934, b/w): Variety entertainment with Joan Blondell (42015)
7.30 The Guns of Navarone (1961): Second world war action with Gregory Peck and David Niven (84125744)
10.05 The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas (1982): Musical with Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds (937725). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Submarine Command (1951, b/w): Starring William Holden (22760)
8.00 On Our Own: Four children head for their uncle's in Arizona (31812)
10.00 The Good, the Bad and the Huckleberry Hound: Cartoon (95947)
12.00 Trapeze (1956): Burt Lancaster teaches Tony Curtis the ropes (54763)
2.00pm Sideout (1990): Peter Horton and C. Thomas Howell enter a volleyball competition (29928)
4.00 On Our Own (as 8am) (4947)
6.00 Dinosaurs – The Movie (1991): Two children are transported to a prehistoric world (13524)
8.00 Sleeping With the Enemy (1991): Julia Roberts runs away from her abusive husband, Patrick Bergin (11909)
10.00 Far Out Man (1989): Tommy Chong plays an aging hippy (54812)
11.30 Heat Wave (1990): Drama about the 1965 Watts riots in Los Angeles (765980)
1.05am Notorious (1992): John Shea and Marisa Berenson star in a remake of Hitchcock's thriller (958435)
2.40 Love at Large (1989): Anne Archer hires private eye Tom Berenger (2788936). Ends at **4.10**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3782560) **7.15** Prime Bodies (880096) **7.45** French Football League (889367) **8.15** Soccer News (4252638) **8.30** Motor World (21473) **9.00** Prime Bodies (12725) **9.30** Soccer News (7555386) **9.45** ATP Tennis (41263980) **11.30** Prime Time Baseball (25638) **12.00** Ringside (78367) **2.00pm** Golf: Austrian Open (985639) **5.00** US PGA Golf (3473) **6.00** Soccer News (159657) **6.15** WWF All-American Wrestling (393928) **7.00** US PGA Golf (1039367) **11.00** ATP Tennis (70096) **1.00-2.00am** British Motorsport (50481)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (93164) **8.00** European Golf (919725) **11.00** Triathlon (79152) **12.00** Snooker (96763) **2.00pm** Basketball (84928) **3.00** American Football (14522) **4.00** Equestrian (33657) **5.00** Karting (8541) **6.00** Mountain Bike (5183) **6.30** Eurosport News (9763) **7.00** Athletics (94893) **9.00** NFL Preview (73763) **10.00** ATP Tennis (43622) **11.00** NBA Basketball (23305) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (23042)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (9881639) **7.30** Neighbours (6924564) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1638812) **8.30** EastEnders (1637183) **9.00** The Bill (1651763) **9.30** The Onedin Line (1359454) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (2549386) **11.30** Rhoda (8216541) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1648299) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5435812) **1.00** EastEnders (4536580) **1.30** The Bill (5434183) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (1965270) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (7025544) **3.00** Dallas (8227657) **4.00** Dynasty (8206164) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1976522) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (3425580) **6.00** Neighbours (8675003) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6213454) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (2275247) **8.00** EastEnders (1905034) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (1984541) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (1930034) **10.00** The Bill (1649928) **10.30** The Innes Book of Records (1658676) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9225580) **11.45** Dr Who (8967580) **12.05-2.20am** Film: The Bells of St Mary's (1945, b/w) starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman (84535394)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (16811) **7.00** Babar: Mask (1173229) **7.55** Ratkan II (6223378) **8.30** Hammerman (63473) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (54725) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs: Ovloe and the Gang (81367) **10.00** Chocky's Children (55015) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-Man (50909) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (64541) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (65270) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (33378) **1.00pm** The Dreamstone (85744) **1.30** Gravedale High (84454) **2.00** Adventure (1788) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (9928) **3.00** Babar (2985831) **3.25** Ratkan II (5521299) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (4473) **4.00** Bobobobs (3980) **4.30** Earthworks (9164) **5.00** Fifteen (4980) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (3744) **6.00-7.00** Fame (93102)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths Complex Numbers and Cayley Tables **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Biber (The Coronation of the Virgin, Rosary Sonata No 15 in C); Janáček (Mladi); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G minor, Op 49 No 1); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D)
9.00 Composer of the Week. Mozart the Keyboard Virtuoso. Ch'io mi scordi di te? K505 (Emma Kirkby, soprano, Steven Lubin, fortepiano; Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood); Fantasia in C minor, K475 (Lili Kraus, piano); Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K503 (Malcolm Bilson; English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner); Gigue in G, K574 (Martin Haselböck, organ)
10.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Eduardo Mata performs Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis); Ravel (La Valse); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor)
11.25 Prom Artist of the Week: Shura Cherkassky, piano, performs Liszt (Fantasy on Hungarian Folk Melodies); Chopin (Fantasy in F, Op 49); Albéniz, arr Godowsky (Tango)
12.00 Das Jahr: Sarah Rothenberg performs Fanny Mendelssohn's cycle of piano pieces based on the months of the year (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Haydn's Operas: La fedeltà premiata (Fidelity Rewarded). Chorus of Suisse Romande Radio; Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Antal Dorati performs Haydn's three-act opera, to a libretto by Gianbattista Lorenzi. Sung in Italian. With Lucia Valentini Terrani as Fillide, Tonny Landy as Fileno and Frederica Von Stade as Amaranta
4.05 Villiers Piano Quartet Maureen Smith, violin, Simon Rowland Jones, viola, Moray Welsh, cello, Andrew Ball, piano performs Dvořák (Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 87); Martinů (Three Madrigals for violin and viola)
5.00 In Tune, presented by Michael Berkeley
7.30 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Philharmonic under Jiri Belohlavek performs Brahms (Tragic Overture); Zemlinsky (Six Maeterlinck Songs, Op 13: Jard van Nes, *mezzo*). **8.10** Mairi Nicolson explores the BBC Philharmonic's work beyond the concert hall and the studio. **8.30** Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D)
9.35 The Man with Night Sweats: Thom Gunn introduces and reads four poems (r)
9.45 Lawes and Jenkins: Fretwork performs William Lawes (Consort Sett in A minor); Jenkins (Fantasy No 16 in D; Fantasy No 8 in C minor; Fantasy No 6 in F); William Lawes (Consort Sett in G minor) (r)
10.15 Changing Times: 1926. Max Easterman charts the development of jazz
10.45 Robert Browning: Anthony Thwaite examines the changing status of the poet over the past century. There is also an extract from a recording made for Thomas Edison in 1889 in which Browning reads from his poem, "How they brought the good news"
11.30 The Songs of Stephen Foster: Performed by Thomas Hampson, baritone, Jay Ungar, violin and mandolin, Molly Mason, guitar and double bass, and David Alpher, piano **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Judge Dick Hamilton **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with the Rev David Winter **8.43** Off the Rails: Lost in Corfu. Written and read by Lisa St Aubin de Teran **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk
9.45 Hearing Voices, Seeing Things: Estimates Free. Last of the series with Ian McMillan
10.00-10.30 No Commitments (FM only): Simon Brett's comedy series about three sisters. With Josie Lawrence, Rosemary Leach and Nicola Pagett
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): I Samuel. Read by Robert Powell (4/5) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour reports on the politics of baby milk; talks to Gemma Craven about her role in *Godspell*; and looks at the corset. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Michael Collie
12.25pm Slightly Foxed: Gill Pyrah hosts the literary quiz. The guests are Roy Hattersley, MP, Geoff McGivern and Anne Victoria Roberts. Last in the series **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Of Myths and Men: See Choice
3.00 Against the Grain: 071-580 4444: Ann-Marie Hourihane hosts a phone-in debate on tabloid journalism
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews two productions at Stratford-upon-Avon, *The Country Wife* in a new production by Max Stafford Clark, and *The Tempest* directed by Sam Mendes
4.45 Short Story: The Bracelet, by Cora Sandel. Read by Alice Arnold
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: A New Age comedy
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Chat Show Show: See Choice
8.00 Ages Past: Learning to Obey the Years of Adolescence. Diaries and letters tell the stories of 300 years of English family life. Written by Colin McLaren, narrated by Lesley Dunlop (3/6)
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities. Presented by Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander Macleod
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Tiger, Tiger and Other Stories. New Zealand author Janet Frame shares the wonders of childhood. Read by Nicolette McKenzie (r)
11.00 Tales from the Arabian Nights: The Hunchback. Traditional stories of love, magic and mystery. With Derek Jacobi as the King and Carolyn Backhouse as Shahrazad (6/7)
11.30 The Year in Question: Brian Hayes chairs the archive news quiz between teams from Channel 4 and Sky (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Chat Show Show. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
To justify the repeated noun in its title, Mark Lawson's potted history of the talk show (US) and the chat show (British) opts for a chat show format, with Michael Parkinson and Terry Wogan soundalikes as hosts and Lawson as guest. This is not the kind of jokey format that lives happily with Lawson's proven track record as serious critic and reporter. Sensibly, the device is not persisted with, leaving Lawson free to chart the policy shifts that have kept the American talk show scene healthy, while its British counterpart is wilting.

Of Myths and Men. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
The message in Anthony George's play is a life-affirming one, spiritually nourishing. Sadly, the writing lets it down and the acting is not all it should be. A mythical sea-monster heaves itself out of the sea off Crete, lifts the blinkers from the bleary eyes of a holidaying British father (Jonathan Wyatt) and puts much else to rights at the same time. The play is telling us that if we have no imagination, there is every danger that we will wither away. It is something George need never worry about judging by this play. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow from Falmouth **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Antique Records Roadshow **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r) **7.30** Hit It Boys! Nick Barraclough *looks at new country music* (1/3) **9.00** Paul Jones with the Red Devils in session **10.00** British Country (2/8) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.35** Shrubbery Skulduggery, by Rebecca Lisle (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Sporting Albums: John Barnes **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** Summer Stories: In the Middle of the Night, by Philippa Pearce. Read by Liza Goddard **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Empire Night (r) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

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Modest men of the track whose currency is medals

Abrahams: coached

While Lewis and Christie run for fame and fortune, their coaches want neither, **David Powell** says

WHEN Carl Lewis raced against Linford Christie in Gateshead a fortnight ago, they appeared for £100,000 each. The men who turned them into two of the highest earners in athletics, their coaches, were also paid the same as each other. Nothing.

Not that you will hear either complaining: quite the reverse. "I would not feel comfortable taking money," Ron Roddan, Christie's coach, said. Tom Tellez, Lewis's coach, explained: "Carl has offered me money but I do not feel I should accept it. Now I can tell him anything I want. If I was paid, I might not tell him what I think."

How different from the Twenties, when sprinters earned nothing, but the most famous of the day, Harold Abrahams, employed a coach, Sam Mussabini. When Abrahams won the 1924 100 metres Olympic gold medal, Mussabini was not allowed into the stadium because he was professional.

Though Roddan is not, Tellez is a professional, making his living as coach at Houston University. His salary is $47,000 (about £31,000), and he leads what he describes as "a teacher's lifestyle". Home for the man who directed Christie to the biggest honour in the sport, the Olympic 100 metres gold medal, is a modest flat in Harlesden. Roddan was made redundant in 1989 and has been unemployed since.

Be it Houston or Harlesden, the reward is the same: enough for each man to know that his theories are working and that time invested has not been wasted. Tellez has coached Lewis for 14 years and Roddan has been with Christie for about as long. Both have jobs in Stuttgart this weekend, fine-tuning their men on the warm-up track before sending them into the competition arena for the world championships. Lewis is looking for his ninth world title, Christie for his first.

While Christie and Lewis thrive on the big stage, neither Roddan nor Tellez does. They are never at presentations, never at press conferences given by their athletes. "I have never been an extrovert, though I have a bit more confidence now," Roddan said. And Tellez? "I was not a confident person in my younger years and I am still insecure in large groups."

Yet hear what the athletes say about them. Lewis on Tellez: "I love him. He is matter of fact, straightforward and he cares about you." Christie on Roddan: "Ron's a great coach. I would not be where I am now without him."

Tellez, 59, works by science; Roddan, 62, more by instinct. Tellez took his lead from Geoff Dyson, the British coach, and was inspired by Dyson's book from the 1960s, Mechanics of Athletics, using the lessons from it as the tools of his trade.

"There are certain ways the body works the best and you have to take that material and incorporate it into teaching athletes," Tellez said. And Roddan's view? "I read his [Dyson's] book and never took much notice."

Roddan was a useful 440 yards runner (50.3sec) and, unlike Tellez, who had wanted to be a coach since his schooldays, came to it by accident. His own coach at Thames Valley Harriers, Arthur Filkins, had to retire through ill health and Roddan, at 31, was next in line. "I was the oldest in the group; they looked at me and said: 'You'll carry on, won't you'." A crash course in coaching with the Central Council for Physical Recreation and he was ready.

Compare Christie's musculature with Lewis's and it is no surprise to learn that the Briton spends hours with weights, Lewis never. "Christie is stronger, Lewis is more efficient in the use of his strength," is the Tellez analysis. His scientific mind would not have approved of Mussabini's final words to Abrahams before the 1924 Olympic final. "Only think of two things. The report of the pistol and the tape. When you hear one just run like hell until you break the other."

☐ David Lewis, the British marathon runner, has withdrawn from the world championships because of injury.

Roddan: unemployed

Suspension threat hangs over Morceli

FROM DAVID MILLER IN STUTTGART

NOUREDDINE Morceli, the 1,500 metres world champion of 1991 and the record-holder, risks suspension and being banned from the 1996 Olympic Games if he boycotts the world championships that begin here on Saturday.

He seems to have forgotten something quite important. Morceli, from Algeria, and Aram Brhamia, his coach, who have been asserting that these championships do not matter without any prize-money, have overlooked the decision taken by the council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) at Jakarta in January, specifically designed to protect the championships from such action. Morceli has until next Wednesday, the first-round heats, to think again.

The council's ruling is that an athlete selected by his country who refuses to compete shall be suspended for two months from all competition, and be ineligible for the subsequent Olympic Games. Morceli's absence here would therefore cost him a possible $200,000 by missing Mobil grand prix races in Berlin, Brussels and Crystal Palace, and much more in lost endorsements prior to the games in Atlanta. Yobes Ondieki, of Kenya, however, is not affected by the ruling, because he did not seek selection and was omitted by Kenya.

Primo Nebiolo, president of the IAAF, said yesterday that he was hoping Morceli would relent. "The council is most keen to make an example of individuals who refuse to run," Nebiolo said. "Our new regulation was intended to discourage absentees, and I am most keen that Morceli should not penalise himself, for he is a great runner."

IAAF officials were yesterday attempting to contact Morceli or Brhamia to remind them of the rules. Brhamia, in justifying Morceli's attitude, has been quoted referring to the rumour that the IAAF had offered financial inducement to the Santa Monica Club to ensure the presence of Carl Lewis.

The rumour has gathered credence because of the money paid to Lewis last year to appear at the grand prix final in Turin. It is also known that Lewis and his manager, Joe Douglas, have suggested a bonus for participation in Stuttgart, to which Nebiolo yesterday reacted angrily.

"Morceli, and anyone else, should understand that no money has been offered to any athlete," he insisted. The compensatory bonus is a Mercedes car for each event winner, valued at $60,000, but this has been dismissed by some leading athletes as inadequate, never mind a controversy over who pays the import duty.

Some observers consider that Morceli's motivation for staying away may be tactical: to protect his status, and avoid defeat in a kick-finish to a slow race such as he suffered in the Olympics last year.

Morceli, in superb form last weekend in Monte Carlo, won the 1991 world title by two seconds in a fast race (3min 32.84sec), but is less happy when there is no pacemaker and four men are eyeball to eyeball 150 metres from the finish. Nonetheless, he will be foolish not to fulfil Algeria's nomination.

The congress yesterday approved by a predictable 138 votes to 40 — more than even a three-quarters majority — to transfer the IAAF headquarters from London to Monte Carlo. Only a quarter of the London staff are expected to remain when the move takes place as soon as is practical. Over 30 nations spoke, some of them opposition disturbed by undemocratic procedures.

Yet what the issue has most exposed is Britain's political inexperience and administrative incompetence when it comes to negotiating deals outside the conference room long before the voting takes place.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Risk business: The skater, Natalya Risk, who won a world junior title for the Soviet Union in 1986 as Natalya Gorbenko, practises in London with the aim of representing Britain. Report, page 40

Maggert joins shortlist for Ryder Cup team

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN TOLEDO, OHIO

TOM Watson gave a few hints as to the sort of players he wants in his Ryder Cup team on the eve of the 75th US PGA championship at the Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, yesterday.

The leading ten players at the end of this championship are automatically selected for the match against Europe at The Belfry from September 24 to 26. Watson will announce his two selections to round off the 12-man team on Monday.

"I want heart, guts, stick-to-it-ness," Watson said when asked to name the sort of characteristics he will look for among his players. He said he has a shortlist of about half a dozen men in mind.

Watson's shortlist, which is not so short, comprises Lanny Wadkins, Ray Floyd, Larry Mize, Fuzzy Zoeller and Jeff Maggert. Wadkins and Floyd are obvious choices, Wadkins having played on seven of the past eight matches and Floyd seven of the past 12. Mize and Zoeller are both former US Masters champions, former Ryder Cup players and proven competitors in the heat of battle.

Maggert, however, is more of a surprise. The 27-year-old is in only his fourth season on United States Tour and has yet to win a tournament. Watson added that the name of Curtis Strange, who won the US Open in 1988 and 1989, was mentioned a lot to him. "I shall be talking to him this week," Watson said.

Would one of the men he is considering be John Daly, Watson was asked? "The up side of Daly is his length, the down side his Ryder Cup inexperience," Watson replied.

It looks as though Watson will go for proven winners, men who have experienced true pressure and in this he will be matched by Bernard Gallacher, the European captain.

"Our team is the stronger," Watson said with a mischievous smile, "but the Europeans will have home advantage.

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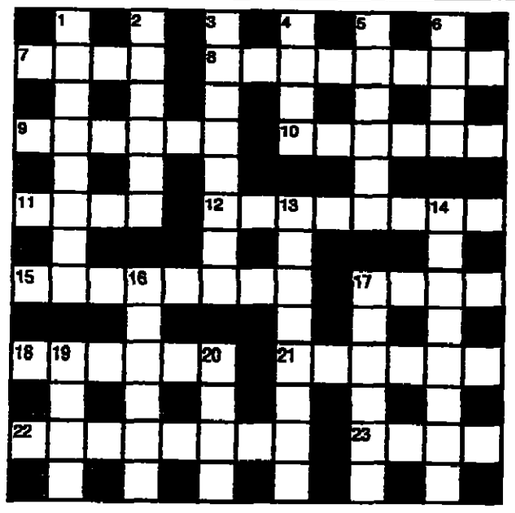

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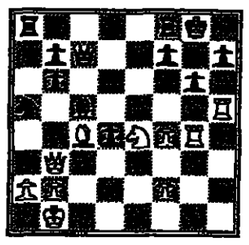

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

UNANIME
a. Unanimous
b. A reverse synonym
c. A flower with only one sepal

THOAN
a. From the north wind
b. Like a jackal
c. Fleet-footed

FISTIC
a. Credulous
b. Pugilistic
c. Sticky, glutinous

GRACER
a. Someone who graces
b. A racing roller-skate
c. A two-year-old filly

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